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## HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate continued its gradual declining trend in September according to preliminary estimates. The State's jobless rate stood at 6.7 percent, down from 6.9 percent in August. The number of unemployed in the state has fallen by 2,800 since last September when the unemployment rate was 7.4 percent. The national unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this September was 7.3 percent, up from 7.2 percent in August and 7.1 percent in September 1980.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in the state recorded a 2,400 gain during the month, and seasonal changes had a major impact on the monthly estimates by industry. Expected employment increases occurred among non-contract educational workers in state and local government and among bus drivers in the transportation sector due to the new school year. Job reductions were recorded at lodging places, race tracks, youth camps and in federal government as summer activities tapered off.

Several non-seasonal developments occurred in September which should be noted. A major labor dispute in Roswell caused the 600 job decline in transportation equipment manufacturing. Additional layoffs in uranium mining resulted in a loss of 200 in metal mining. A major shopping center opened during the month in Gallup, giving the trade industry a boost.

Over the year, the mining industry continued to record the largest percentage employment gain, followed closely by the trade industry. On the minus side was manufacturing with reductions widespread among most sectors. For the first time in almost two years the construction industry is reporting a 12 month employment change on the plus side. However, this is not an indication of any significant improvement in the industry, but rather that most of its severe employment contraction occurred in the first nine months of 1980 and building firms have maintained low employment levels since then.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY [1]

| | *Prel.* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sep 1981 | Aug 1981 | Sep 1980 | Aug 1981 | Sep 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 565,100 | 561,800 | 546,500 | +3,300 | +18,600 |
| Employment | 527,300 | 523,000 | 505,900 | +4,300 | +21,400 |
| Unemployment | 37,800 | 38,800 | 40,600 | -1,000 | - 2,800 |
| Rate (*Actual*) | 6.7 | 6.9 | 7.4 | | |

[1] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | Prelim SEP 1981 | Revised AUG 1981 | Revised SEP 1980 | SEP Change From AUG 1981 | SEP Change From SEP 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 471,400 | 469,000 | 464,000 | +2,400 | +7,400 |
| MINING | 30,800 | 31,400 | 29,500 | - 600 | +1,300 |
| Metal Mining | 9,100 | 9,300 | 10,300 | - 200 | -1,200 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,300 | 5,400 | 5,400 | - 100 | - 100 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,400 | 16,700 | 13,800 | - 300 | +2,600 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30,700 | 31,000 | 30,000 | - 300 | + 700 |
| MANUFACTURING | 32,300 | 32,800 | 34,500 | - 500 | -2,200 |
| **Durable Goods** | 19,100 | 19,800 | 20,100 | - 700 | -1,000 |
| **Lumber and Wood Products** | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 0 | 0 |
| **Elec. and Electronic Equipment** | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 0 | 0 |
| **Transportation Equipment** | 3,100 | 3,700 | 3,800 | - 600 | - 700 |
| **Other Durable Goods** | 10,100 | 10,200 | 10,400 | - 100 | - 300 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 13,200 | 13,000 | 14,400 | + 200 | -1,200 |
| **Food and Kindred Products** | 4,400 | 4,200 | 4,900 | + 200 | - 500 |
| **Textiles and Apparel** | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,900 | 0 | - 400 |
| **Other Nondurable Goods** | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,600 | 0 | - 300 |
| **TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES** | 29,500 | 28,500 | 28,800 | +1,000 | + 700 |
| **Railroad Transportation** | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 0 | 0 |
| **Trucking and Warehousing** | 5,600 | 5,500 | 5,400 | + 100 | + 200 |
| **Other Transportation** | 3,700 | 2,900 | 3,700 | + 800 | 0 |
| **Communication** | 7,700 | 7,500 | 7,500 | + 200 | + 200 |
| **Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services** | 9,400 | 9,500 | 9,100 | - 100 | + 300 |
| **WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE** | 108,500 | 107,400 | 104,500 | +1,100 | +4,000 |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 21,800 | 21,800 | 21,300 | 0 | + 500 |
| **Durable Goods** | 13,000 | 13,000 | 12,900 | 0 | + 100 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,400 | 0 | + 400 |
| **Retail Trade** | 86,700 | 85,600 | 83,200 | +1,100 | +3,500 |
| **General Merchandise Stores** | 11,300 | 11,000 | 10,600 | + 300 | + 700 |
| **Food Stores** | 12,600 | 12,300 | 11,700 | + 300 | + 900 |
| **Auto Dlrs and Service Stations** | 11,600 | 11,800 | 12,500 | - 200 | - 900 |
| **Eating and Drinking Places** | 29,500 | 29,100 | 27,900 | + 400 | +1,600 |
| **Other Retail Trade** | 21,700 | 21,400 | 20,500 | + 300 | +1,200 |
| **FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE** | 21,300 | 21,500 | 21,000 | - 200 | + 300 |
| **Banking** | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,100 | 0 | + 400 |
| **Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers** | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,400 | 0 | + 100 |
| **Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate** | 8,300 | 8,500 | 8,500 | - 200 | - 200 |
| **SERVICES** | 92,800 | 95,200 | 91,400 | -2,400 | +1,400 |
| **Hotels and Other Lodging Places** | 10,100 | 10,500 | 10,100 | - 400 | 0 |
| **Personal Services** | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 0 | + 100 |
| **Business Services** | 19,300 | 19,200 | 18,800 | + 100 | + 500 |
| **Health Services** | 22,700 | 22,700 | 21,000 | 0 | +1,700 |
| **Social Services** | 8,600 | 9,200 | 10,300 | - 600 | -1,700 |
| **Membership Organizations** | 5,000 | 6,000 | 5,400 | -1,000 | - 400 |
| **Other Services** | 22,600 | 23,100 | 21,400 | - 500 | +1,200 |
| **GOVERNMENT** | 125,500 | 121,200 | 124,300 | +4,300 | +1,200 |
| **Federal** | 30,300 | 30,900 | 29,200 | - 600 | +1,100 |
| **State 2/** | 44,600 | 41,200 | 44,500 | +3,400 | + 100 |
| **Local** | 50,600 | 49,100 | 50,600 | +1,500 | 0 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

Total unemployment in Albuquerque remained relatively unchanged between August and September according to preliminary estimates. The area's unemployment rate was 7.1 percent, 4 tenths of a percentage point above the statewide rate but still slightly below the jobless rate for the nation. Discounting normal seasonal movement, total unemployment exhibited very little change this summer. The large majority of the 1,900 over-the-year loss shown by the current unemployment estimates occurred in late 1980 and the first five months of this year.

On the employment side, total nonfarm jobs climbed seasonally in September to 190,700, 1,900 jobs above the August estimate. Education-related job gains in state government accounted for much of the increase. The only other industry with a substantial gain over the month was trade, mostly in eating and drinking places and the miscellaneous sector. Construction followed its normal seasonal pattern with a 200 loss during the month.

All major industries except manufacturing recorded employment growth over the last year. The services industry continued to lead all industries with a gain of 2,300 jobs or 5.2 percent. Individual sectors which exhibited the majority of the yearly service gain were health, education, auto repair and personal services. The manufacturing industry registered 800 fewer jobs this September over last, and the decrease was spread over virtually all sectors. The sectors with the largest declines were non-electrical machinery, transportation equipment and apparel manufacturing.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY [1/]

|  | *Prel.* | *Revised* |  | *Change From* |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Sep 1981 | Aug 1981 | Sep 1980 | Aug 1981 | Sep 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 210,300 | 208,800 | 202,500 | +1,500 | +7,800 |
| Employment | 195,400 | 193,800 | 185,700 | +1,600 | +9,700 |
| Unemployment | 14,900 | 15,000 | 16,800 | - 100 | -1,900 |
| Rate *(Actual)* | 7.1 | 7.2 | 8.3 |  |  |

[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

# ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in Cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *SEP Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | SEP<br>1981 | AUG<br>1981 | SEP<br>1980 | AUG<br>1981 | SEP<br>1980 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 190,700 | 188,800 | 186,300 | +1,900 | +4,400 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 12,100 | 12,300 | 12,100 | - 200 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 17,100 | 17,200 | 17,900 | - 100 | - 800 |
| Durable Goods | 11,400 | 11,500 | 12,100 | - 100 | - 700 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,800 | 0 | - 100 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 12,000 | 11,800 | 11,900 | + 200 | + 100 |
| Transportation | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Communication | 4,100 | 4,000 | 4,200 | + 100 | - 100 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,200 | + 100 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 48,300 | 47,700 | 47,100 | + 600 | +1,200 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,000 | 12,900 | 12,700 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Durable Goods | 8,700 | 8,700 | 8,600 | 0 | + 100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,300 | 4,200 | 4,100 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 35,300 | 34,800 | 34,400 | + 500 | + 900 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 4,400 | 4,300 | 4,200 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Food Stores | 4,300 | 4,300 | 3,900 | 0 | + 400 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,200 | 4,500 | - 100 | - 400 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 12,700 | 12,400 | 12,200 | + 300 | + 500 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,800 | 9,600 | 9,600 | + 200 | + 200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,000 | 11,200 | 10,900 | - 200 | + 100 |
| Banking | 2,900 | 3,000 | 2,800 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,300 | 0 | + 200 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,600 | 4,700 | 4,800 | - 100 | - 200 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 46,200 | 46,000 | 43,900 | + 200 | +2,300 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,900 | 3,000 | 2,800 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Health Services | 10,800 | 10,800 | 9,900 | 0 | + 900 |
| Social Services | 2,800 | 2,700 | 2,700 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,600 | 1,800 | 1,500 | - 200 | + 100 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,100 | 27,700 | 27,000 | + 400 | +1,100 |
| GOVERNMENT | 44,000 | 42,600 | 42,500 | +1,400 | +1,500 |
| Federal | 13,100 | 13,300 | 12,100 | - 200 | +1,000 |
| State | 13,300 | 11,300 | 12,400 | +2,000 | + 900 |
| Local | 17,600 | 18,000 | 18,000 | - 400 | - 400 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

# LAS CRUCES AREA -(DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

|  | Prelim | Revised | Revised | SEP Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | SEP 1981 | AUG 1981 | SEP 1980 | AUG 1981 | SEP 1980 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 29,500 | 28,450 | 29,600 | +1,050 | -100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,750 | 1,925 | 1,900 | - 75 | -150 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,850 | 2,675 | 2,825 | + 175 | + 25 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,100 | 1,125 | + 100 | + 75 |
| Transportation | 525 | 425 | 500 | + 100 | + 25 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 675 | 675 | 625 | 0 | + 50 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,500 | 5,475 | 5,450 | + 25 | + 50 |
| Wholesale Trade | 825 | 850 | 825 | - 25 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 4,675 | 4,625 | 4,625 | + 50 | + 50 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 750 | 750 | 575 | 0 | +175 |
| Food Stores | 625 | 600 | 600 | + 25 | + 25 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 775 | 775 | 775 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,525 | 1,525 | 1,650 | 0 | -125 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,000 | 975 | 1,025 | + 25 | - 25 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,225 | 1,250 | 1,200 | - 25 | + 25 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 3,925 | 3,950 | 3,900 | - 25 | + 25 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 650 | 650 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Services | 725 | 750 | 700 | - 25 | + 25 |
| Health Services | 675 | 675 | 625 | 0 | + 50 |
| Social Services | 400 | 450 | 500 | - 50 | -100 |
| Other Services | 1,475 | 1,425 | 1,425 | + 50 | + 50 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13,050 | 12,175 | 13,200 | + 875 | -150 |
| Federal | 4,175 | 4,225 | 4,300 | - 50 | -125 |
| State | 4,900 | 4,200 | 4,975 | + 700 | - 75 |
| Local | 3,975 | 3,750 | 3,925 | + 225 | + 50 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### NEW MEXICO
### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

|  | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |  |  | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |  |  | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | SEP 1981 | AUG 1981 | SEP 1980 | SEP 1981 | AUG 1981 | SEP 1980 | SEP 1981 | AUG 1981 | SEP 1980 |
| MINING | $420.02 | $415.75 | $404.80 | 40.7 | 40.8 | 44.0 | $10.32 | $10.19 | $9.20 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 356.88 | 371.35 | 353.42 | 35.3 | 36.3 | 36.7 | 10.11 | 10.23 | 9.63 |
| MANUFACTURING | 259.82 | 251.36 | 226.29 | 37.6 | 38.2 | 39.7 | 6.91 | 6.58 | 5.70 |
| Durable Goods | 287.39 | 274.38 | 258.30 | 39.1 | 38.7 | 41.0 | 7.35 | 7.09 | 6.30 |
| Nondurable Goods | 212.45 | 209.25 | 172.79 | 35.0 | 37.3 | 37.4 | 6.07 | 5.61 | 4.62 |
| COMM and UTIL | 362.34 | 368.46 | 321.79 | 41.6 | 42.4 | 41.9 | 8.71 | 8.69 | 7.68 |
| TRADE * | 240.17 | 237.18 | 234.12 | 35.9 | 36.1 | 35.1 | 6.69 | 6.57 | 6.67 |
| BANKING | 174.26 | 178.64 | 163.02 | 37.8 | 38.5 | 38.0 | 4.61 | 4.64 | 4.29 |

### ALBUQUERQUE AREA
### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION EMPLOYEES

|  | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |  |  | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |  |  | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | SEP 1981 | AUG 1981 | SEP 1980 | SEP 1981 | AUG 1981 | SEP 1980 | SEP 1981 | AUG 1981 | SEP 1980 |
| Manufacturing | $268.32 | $258.25 | $249.23 | 39.0 | 37.7 | 41.4 | $6.88 | $6.85 | $6.02 |

* *Excludes eating and drinking places*

*Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

## STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - The Albuquerque City Council approved the issuance of up to $45 million in revenue bonds to finance St. Joseph's proposed 128 bed hospital in Paradise Hills. Total attendance at the 1981 State Fair held in Albuquerque between September 16 and 27 was below the 1980 level. The 1981 gate was 1,081,046 visitors, down 64,478 from 1980. State correction officials are now looking at a 540 acre site west of Bernalillo as the location of two large correctional facilities. The prisons were among four major correctional construction projects approved by the 1981 Legislature. Work is scheduled to begin next spring on the first of two office building projects proposed for John Street, between Gold and Central downtown. The firm of Hutchinson, Brown and Partners plan to renovate the Graham Paper Building into a $600,000 office building. Expansion and renovation projects are planned for four Bernalillo County buildings. The University of New Mexico Hospital is scheduled for a $7.3 million expansion, a three story addition to the jail annex is planned, the county courthouse will be remodeled at a cost of $2.1 million and the Bernalillo County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center will be expanded at a cost of $1.8 million. GTE Lenkurt recently laid off 54 workers, reducing their total work force to less than 1,400. The Federal Department of Transportation approved a $2 million grant for the proposed city West Mesa airport, clearing the way for initial construction work to begin possibly next spring. The entire airport project is expected to cost in excess of $7 million. City voters approved $9 million in general obligation bonds that, when combined with $12 million in city revenue bonds, will pay for a major addition to the existing City Hall downtown.

ALAMOGORDO AREA - Airways of New Mexico is now offering two daily flights from Alamogordo to Albuquerque, taking over the discontinued service previously offered by Air Midwest. Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range area are gearing up for the landing of the Space Shuttle II flight at Northrup Air Strip in the event an emergency landing is required. Northrup Strip was also the alternative landing area for the first Space Shuttle flight. Sherwood Incorporated began production of wire harness assemblies in Alamogordo with a initial work force of 30. The firm plans to have approximately 60 persons working by the end of this year.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Artesia's Industrial Park currently has 14 firms leasing space in the facility employing a total of approximately 500 persons. Work is now underway to provide 17 additional spaces at the industrial park for prospective employers. Commerce Bank and Trust Company is expanding its Carlsbad branch with a $250,000 building project. AMAX Chemical Corporation temporarily closed its potash mine in late September because of fire damage at the facility. Approximately 300 workers were affected by the shutdown. Salazar Brothers Drilling Company was awarded a $778,000 contract to drill two test holes at the Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) east of Carlsbad.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Southwest Canners Incorporated is planning a $3 million expansion project at the Portales soft drink cannery. The firm will build a trucking facility for product transportation which will mean several additional jobs at the cannery. The Rural Electrification Administration approved a $4.3 million loan to the Farmers Electric Cooperative in Clovis to finance 70 miles of transmission line and system improvements. The peanut harvest is underway in the Portales area with the quality of the crop termed "excellent". Approximately 8,866 acres were planted in peanuts this year, slightly higher than the 8,345 acres in 1980. Santa Fe Railroad is planning several major railroad improvement projects in the Clovis area over the next five years. The railroad plans include renovation of office facilities and replacement of track. Hunt Building Corporation of El Paso will build a $2.25 million low rent housing project in Clovis, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ESPANOLA AREA - Cillison and Son Construction Company of Albuquerque has almost completed a $1.5 million solar heated classroom facility at Northern New Mexico Community College near Espanola.

FARMINGTON AREA - The Bureau of Reclamation's Navajo Indian Irrigation Project office in Farmington experienced a reduction in force of approximately 30 persons, one third of their total work force. Plateau Incorporated plans to build, beginning late this year, two 50,000 barrel storage tanks at its oil refinery near Bloomfield. Air Midwest plans to begin in late October daily passenger air service between Farmington and Albuquerque. Sunbelt Mining Company, a subsidiary of Public Service Company of New Mexico, submitted an application for a new surface coal mine south of Farmington. The new facility, named Gateway Mine, is planned for an area near the Company's existing Denazin coal mine. The State is expected to conduct a hearing on the proposed mine sometime late this year or early 1982. The 600,000 square foot Animas Valley Mall now under construction in Farmington is expected to be completed by the fall of 1982. Locating in the Mall will be large department stores operated by Sears, Beall Brothers, Dillards, La Belles, and J.C. Penney. Preliminary work is underway by M. M. Sundt on a $8.5 million support service complex at the San Juan Generating Station. The project should be completed in early 1982. Work is expected to begin later this year on a $2.8 million medical arts and professional center in Farmington. Berry Industries of Long Beach, California has located a plant in Farmington manufacturing oil field production equipment. The new firm is presently employing 34 persons in the 17,200 square foot plant.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - An environmental impact statement is being prepared for the Tennessee Valley Authority - Kerr McGee uranium mining project proposed for eastern Mckinley County. The new mining project, if built, would employ approximately 280 people. A federal grant of $488,000 was awarded to the Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation Center for a group home for handicapped citizens. The State Mining Division issued a mining permit to Santa Fe Coal Corporation for their proposed Lee Ranch Coal Mine. The mine, which will employ about 300 persons, will be located near San Mateo. Construction is expected to begin on the mine sometime next year with production beginning in late 1983. Construction of the Plains Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative plant in Prewitt is now about one-third complete. The plant is scheduled to be finished by December 1983 and about 120 persons should be employed full - time at the facility. The City of Grants was given the go ahead from the Environmental Protection Agency to begin planning a new wastewater treatment plant expected to cost between $7 and $14 million, depending on design needs.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Work began on a new $1.5 million office in Hobbs for First Interstate Bank of Lea County. Completion of the project is set for March of next year. A non-profit organization, New Mexico College Assistance Corporation, has applied for $3.5 million in government loan money to build a 110 to 130 unit housing complex intended for students at New Mexico Junior College. Del Norte Heights Incorporated plans to build a $1.3 million office building in Hobbs which will be occupied by ARCO Oil and Gas Company. W. A. Jourdan Incorporated was awarded a $1.4 million contract to expand and renovate Hobbs City Hall. Conoco Incorporated moved into their new $1.4 million division building in Hobbs and is employing approximately 140 employees out of the new headquarters.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell, is locating a new manufacturing plant in Las Cruces which could employ approximately 60 persons by the end of 1982. The firm has leased a 16,000 square foot building in Mesilla Park and will product a pressure sensitive membrane used in computer terminal keyboards. White Sands Missile Range recently laid off 34 civilian workers in order to comply with its allotted staffing strength. Las Cruces building permit issuances continue to be considerately off the pace shown in 1980. Year-to-date figures through September show a decline of about 100 permits and more than $10 million in valuation compared to the same period in 1980. Sunland Park began its 84-day horse racing season on October 17th.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Western States Construction Company of Albuquerque was awarded a $400,000 contract for gas line replacement in Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - A $700,000 improvement project is planned for next spring at the Los Alamos Airport. Work began on a $550,000, two story building which represents the final phase of the Mari-Mac Village complex in Los Alamos. A $427,000 contract was awarded to Southwest Fire Protection Incorporated of Albuquerque for fire protection work at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Brown-Olds Corporation of El Paso was awarded a $4.6 million contract for upgrading of the industrial waste treatment plant in Los Alamos. The Los Alamos National Laboratory has imposed a freeze on hiring of external job applicants due to uncertainty about federal budget cuts.

RATON AREA - Amoco Production Company will slow down their carbon dioxide drilling program in the Bravo Dome area. Previously it was anticipated that Amoco's drilling program would be completed in 1985; now a 1987 completion is planned. Amoco has currently spent about $130 million drilling 264 wells on the Bravo Dome project. The Village of Maxwell has received $313,000 in federal grants and loans to build a new water system for the town. La Mesa Park ended its 1981 horse racing season in October with a total season handle of $12,379,733, up by 5 percent over 1980.

ROSWELL AREA - Nelson International, a Texas based auction firm, has been commissioned to seek a buyer for the former Glover Packing Company plant in Roswell. The 150,000 square foot Glover facility employed approximately 500 persons before the firm closed earlier this year.

SANTA FE AREA - A $3 million low income housing development planned for Santa Fe has been funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A Texas firm, Pelto Oil Company, is drilling five exploratory oil wells in the Galisteo area.

SILVER CITY AREA - Quintana Minerals' new open pit copper mine near Hillsboro in Sierra County should be open in December according to company officials. The Copper Flat project should employ about 200 workers producing copper concentrate at the mine's 15,000 ton per day mill. The new mine has an expected life of 15 years.

TAOS AREA - Moly Corp temporarily shut down the mill at their Questa molybdenum mine to accomodate the massive expansion project underway at the facility. No layoffs resulted from the closure due to transfers to other work crews. Taos Ski Valley has begun hiring seasonal workers in preparation for the winter ski season.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Work has begun on a expansion of Citizens State Bank's Tucumcari facility. Childress and Associates opened their fabricated textile manufacturing plant in Tucumcari with approximately 20 employees. The firm hopes to have 70 persons employed within one year.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

September 1981 CPI-U - 279.3
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 279.1

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W- Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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# OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY SEPT 1981 1/ | | | | REVISED AUGUST 1981 1/ | | | | REVISED SEPT 1980 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 565,157 | 527,312 | 37,845 | 6.7 | 561,916 | 523,021 | 38,795 | 6.9 | 546,585 | 505,936 | 40,649 | 7.4 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 210,337 | 195,411 | 14,926 | 7.1 | 208,331 | 193,843 | 14,988 | 7.2 | 202,509 | 185,694 | 16,815 | 8.3 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 33,627 | 31,316 | 2,311 | 6.9 | 33,128 | 30,661 | 2,467 | 7.4 | 33,079 | 30,295 | 2,784 | 8.4 |
| Catron | 1,160 | 1,052 | 108 | 9.3 | 1,080 | 1,016 | 64 | 5.9 | 1,149 | 1,083 | 66 | 5.7 |
| Chaves | 21,605 | 20,387 | 1,218 | 5.6 | 21,405 | 20,156 | 1,249 | 5.8 | 21,340 | 20,142 | 1,198 | 5.6 |
| Colfax | 6,356 | 6,071 | 285 | 4.5 | 7,097 | 6,800 | 297 | 4.2 | 6,294 | 5,948 | 346 | 5.5 |
| Curry | 14,406 | 13,606 | 800 | 5.6 | 14,230 | 13,422 | 808 | 5.7 | 14,557 | 13,701 | 856 | 5.9 |
| De Baca | 1,099 | 1,079 | 20 | 1.8 | 1,065 | 1,049 | 16 | 1.5 | 1,116 | 1,094 | 22 | 2.0 |
| Eddy | 22,130 | 21,144 | 986 | 4.5 | 22,016 | 21,108 | 908 | 4.1 | 20,458 | 19,526 | 932 | 4.6 |
| Grant | 11,032 | 10,375 | 657 | 6.0 | 10,861 | 10,142 | 719 | 6.6 | 9,547 | 8,818 | 729 | 7.6 |
| Guadalupe | 1,597 | 1,461 | 136 | 8.5 | 1,629 | 1,488 | 141 | 8.7 | 1,691 | 1,513 | 178 | 10.5 |
| Harding | 641 | 627 | 14 | 2.2 | 622 | 606 | 16 | 2.6 | 604 | 576 | 28 | 4.6 |
| Hidalgo | 2,382 | 2.273 | 109 | 4.6 | 2,306 | 2,237 | 69 | 3.0 | 2,322 | 2,223 | 99 | 4.3 |
| Lea | 30,405 | 29,651 | 754 | 2.5 | 30,576 | 29,635 | 941 | 3.1 | 28,165 | 27,327 | 838 | 3.0 |
| Lincoln | 6,456 | 6,284 | 172 | 2.7 | 7,262 | 7,118 | 144 | 2.0 | 6,467 | 6,183 | 284 | 4.4 |
| Los Alamos | 10,404 | 10,210 | 194 | 1.9 | 10,499 | 10,253 | 246 | 2.3 | 10,038 | 9,710 | 328 | 3.3 |
| Luna | 5,366 | 5,020 | 346 | 6.4 | 5,333 | 4,873 | 460 | 8.6 | 5,471 | 4,945 | 526 | 9.6 |
| McKinley | 18,762 | 16,992 | 1,770 | 9.4 | 18,806 | 16,923 | 1,883 | 10.0 | 18,306 | 16,699 | 1,607 | 8.8 |
| Mora | 1,068 | 830 | 238 | 22.3 | 1,012 | 721 | 291 | 28.8 | 1,092 | 835 | 257 | 23.5 |
| Otero | 13,203 | 12,212 | 991 | 7.5 | 13,296 | 12,368 | 928 | 7.0 | 13,107 | 12,256 | 851 | 6.5 |
| Quay | 4,979 | 4,741 | 238 | 4.8 | 4,817 | 4,605 | 212 | 4.4 | 5,348 | 5,091 | 257 | 4.8 |
| Rio Arriba | 10,474 | 8,840 | 1,634 | 15.6 | 10,369 | 8,760 | 1,609 | 15.5 | 10,278 | 8,597 | 1,681 | 16.4 |
| Roosevelt | 7,629 | 7,459 | 170 | 2.2 | 6,786 | 6,602 | 184 | 2.7 | 7,774 | 7,542 | 232 | 3.0 |
| San Juan | 38,202 | 35,313 | 2,889 | 7.6 | 37,521 | 34,422 | 3,099 | 8.3 | 35,733 | 33,234 | 2,499 | 7.0 |
| San Miguel | 8,263 | 7,550 | 713 | 8.6 | 7,739 | 6,954 | 785 | 10.1 | 8,015 | 7,188 | 827 | 10.3 |
| Santa Fe | 35,809 | 33,823 | 1,986 | 5.5 | 37,352 | 35,325 | 2,027 | 5.4 | 35,361 | 33,073 | 2,288 | 6.5 |
| Sierra | 3,156 | 3,026 | 130 | 4.1 | 3,022 | 2,871 | 151 | 5.0 | 2,736 | 2,657 | 79 | 2.9 |
| Socorro | 4,405 | 4,078 | 327 | 7.4 | 4,202 | 3,842 | 360 | 8.6 | 4,260 | 3,995 | 265 | 6.2 |
| Taos | 9,739 | 8,659 | 1,080 | 11.1 | 9,409 | 8,276 | 1,133 | 12.0 | 8,677 | 7,545 | 1,132 | 13.0 |
| Torrance | 2,191 | 2,127 | 64 | 2.9 | 2,191 | 2,122 | 69 | 3.1 | 2,179 | 2,043 | 136 | 6.2 |
| Union | 2,316 | 2,246 | 70 | 3.0 | 2,254 | 2,187 | 67 | 3.0 | 2,101 | 2,009 | 92 | 4.4 |
| Valencia, Cibola | 25,958 | 23,449 | 2,509 | 9.7 | 25,100 | 22,636 | 2,464 | 9.8 | 26,811 | 24,394 | 2,417 | 9.0 |

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1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*

3/ *Dona Ana County*

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# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary labor force estimates, New Mexico's unemployment situation remained relatively unchanged during October. Normal seasonal movement was reflected in the estimates, as the number of jobless grew by 1,300 during the month to a total of 39,100. New Mexico's unemployment rate was 6.9 percent, two-tenths of a percentage point higher than in September. The nationwide jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 7.5 percent this October, up from 7.3 percent the previous month.

Total nonfarm payroll jobs fell by 600 in October to a total of 471,100. The services industry recorded the largest monthly job change, a decline of 1,300. Most of the loss was in social services and the tourism dependent lodging sector. Social services continued to be adversely affected by cutbacks in federally funded employment and training programs. This sector has now lost 2,400 jobs over the past year. Trade employment decreased by 700 during the month, caused by seasonal declines in most retail categories.

On the plus side during October were the construction, manufacturing and government industries. The 400 gain in construction was unusual as declines in building activities generally are reflected in the estimate this time of year. Several large commercial projects around the state are buttressing this industry. Some of these projects are the $210 million expansion of Kennecott Corporation's copper mill near Silver City, Plains Electric Cooperative's new generating plant at Prewitt and installation of pollution control equipment at the Four Corners Power Plant near Farmington.

The 600 job gain in manufacturing was caused almost entirely by the return of striking workers in the transportation equipment segment. The firm involved in the labor dispute was Transportation Manufacturing Corporation in Roswell. In the public sector, gains in education-related local government jobs were partially offset by seasonal downturns in federal and state government.

### OCTOBER SUMMARY [1/]

| | *Prel.* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct 1981 | Sep 1981 | Oct 1980 | Sep 1981 | Oct 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 567,900 | 565,300 | 549,500 | +2,600 | +18,400 |
| Employment | 528,800 | 527,500 | 508,100 | +1,300 | +20,700 |
| Unemployment | 39,100 | 37,800 | 41,400 | +1,300 | - 2,300 |
| Rate (*Actual*) | 6.9 | 6.7 | 7.5 | | |

[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *OCT Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OCT 1981 | SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 | SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 471,100 | 471,700 | 462,000 | - 600 | +9,100 |
| MINING | 30,700 | 30,900 | 29,800 | - 200 | + 900 |
| Metal Mining | 9,000 | 9,100 | 10,500 | - 100 | -1,500 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,500 | 5,400 | 5,400 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,200 | 16,400 | 13,900 | - 200 | +2,300 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31,200 | 30,800 | 29,300 | + 400 | +1,900 |
| MANUFACTURING | 32,900 | 32,300 | 34,000 | + 600 | -1,100 |
| Durable Goods | 19,600 | 19,100 | 19,800 | + 500 | - 200 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,200 | 0 | + 300 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,500 | 0 | - 100 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,600 | 3,100 | 3,800 | + 500 | - 200 |
| Other Durable Goods | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,300 | 0 | - 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 13,300 | 13,200 | 14,200 | + 100 | - 900 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 4,500 | 4,400 | 4,700 | + 100 | 0 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,600 | 0 | 0 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 29,300 | 29,400 | 29,000 | - 100 | + 300 |
| Railroad Transportation | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,100 | 0 | - 100 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,600 | 5,500 | 5,400 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Other Transportation | 3,800 | 3,900 | 3,700 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Communication | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,700 | 0 | - 200 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,400 | 9,500 | 9,100 | - 100 | + 300 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 107,500 | 108,200 | 103,600 | - 700 | +3,900 |
| Wholesale Trade | 21,800 | 21,800 | 21,500 | 0 | + 300 |
| Durable Goods | 13,000 | 13,000 | 13,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,500 | 0 | + 300 |
| Retail Trade | 85,700 | 86,400 | 82,100 | - 700 | +3,600 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 11,400 | 11,300 | 10,700 | + 100 | + 700 |
| Food Stores | 12,300 | 12,600 | 11,700 | - 300 | + 600 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,600 | 11,700 | 12,400 | - 100 | - 800 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 29,200 | 29,500 | 26,900 | - 300 | +2,300 |
| Other Retail Trade | 21,200 | 21,300 | 20,400 | - 100 | + 800 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 21,200 | 21,300 | 21,000 | - 100 | + 200 |
| Banking | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,100 | 0 | + 300 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,400 | 0 | + 100 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 8,300 | 8,400 | 8,500 | - 100 | - 200 |
| SERVICES | 91,000 | 92,300 | 89,400 | -1,300 | +1,600 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 9,700 | 10,100 | 9,800 | - 400 | - 100 |
| Personal Services | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 0 | + 100 |
| Business Services | 19,700 | 19,300 | 17,900 | + 400 | +1,800 |
| Health Services | 22,500 | 22,700 | 21,100 | - 200 | +1,400 |
| Social Services | 7,200 | 8,200 | 9,600 | -1,000 | -2,400 |
| Membership Organizations | 4,900 | 5,000 | 5,100 | - 100 | - 200 |
| Other Services | 22,500 | 22,500 | 21,500 | 0 | +1,000 |
| GOVERNMENT | 127,300 | 126,500 | 125,900 | + 800 | +1,400 |
| Federal | 29,600 | 30,000 | 28,800 | - 400 | + 800 |
| State 2/ | 45,200 | 45,500 | 45,100 | - 300 | + 100 |
| Local | 52,500 | 51,000 | 52,000 | +1,500 | + 500 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, little change occurred in Albuquerque's unemployment situation during October. The area's unemployment rate remained relatively unchanged from September at 7.0 percent. Improvement from a year ago continued to be evident in the estimates as October's jobless rate was significantly lower than the 8.3 percent rate recorded a year ago.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment declined seasonally during October, with all major industries recording either employment decreases or no change. Government experienced the largest reduction, -300 jobs, as mostly seasonal losses in the federal and state sectors offset gains in local education. The construction and services industries fell by 200 jobs each during the month, a usual occurance as warm weather activities taper off.

Total nonfarm employment grew by 3,100 jobs from last October and the gains were concentrated in the trade and service industries. Individual sectors recording the largest increases were eating & drinking places in trade and health, business, personal and educational services.

Two major industries, manufacturing and transportation & public utilities, showed job losses from last October. The manufacturing industry has experienced gradual job losses since mid-1980; however transportation & public utilities is relatively new to the loss column. The communications sector was the reason for the yearly job loss. This sector has been adversely affected in recent months by the transfer of several hundred Mountain Bell jobs to the Phoenix area. In manufacturing, virtually all of the durable good sectors continued to show over-the-year losses, while the apparel sector accounted for most of the non-durable job reduction.

### OCTOBER SUMMARY [1/]

| | Prel. | Revised | | Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct 1981 | Sep 1981 | Oct 1980 | Sep 1981 | Oct 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 208,000 | 210,000 | 202,500 | -2,000 | +5,500 |
| Employment | 193,400 | 195,100 | 185,600 | -1,700 | +7,800 |
| Unemployment | 14,600 | 14,900 | 16,900 | - 300 | -2,300 |
| Rate (Actual) | 7.0 | 7.1 | 8.3 | | |

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[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
# ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in Cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* OCT 1981 | *Revised* SEP 1981 | *Revised* OCT 1980 | *OCT Change From* SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 189,200 | 190,000 | 186,100 | - 800 | +3,100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11,900 | 12,100 | 11,800 | - 200 | + 100 |
| MANUFACTURING | 17,100 | 17,100 | 17,900 | 0 | - 800 |
| Durable Goods | 11,500 | 11,500 | 12,000 | 0 | - 500 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,900 | 0 | - 300 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,800 | 11,900 | 11,900 | - 100 | - 100 |
| Transportation | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 4,000 | 4,300 | - 100 | - 400 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,100 | 0 | + 300 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 48,100 | 48,100 | 46,800 | 0 | +1,300 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,000 | 12,900 | 12,800 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Durable Goods | 8,700 | 8,700 | 8,600 | 0 | + 100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,300 | 4,200 | 4,200 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Retail Trade | 35,100 | 35,200 | 34,000 | - 100 | +1,100 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 4,500 | 4,400 | 4,300 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Food Stores | 4,200 | 4,300 | 4,000 | - 100 | + 200 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,400 | 0 | - 300 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 12,600 | 12,700 | 11,700 | - 100 | + 900 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,700 | 9,700 | 9,600 | 0 | + 100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 0 | + 100 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,300 | 0 | + 200 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,900 | 0 | - 300 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 45,900 | 46,100 | 43,800 | - 200 | +2,100 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,700 | 0 | + 200 |
| Health Services | 10,800 | 10,800 | 10,100 | 0 | + 700 |
| Social Services | 2,600 | 2,700 | 2,600 | - 100 | 0 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 0 | + 100 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,000 | 28,100 | 26,900 | - 100 | +1,100 |
| GOVERNMENT | 43,400 | 43,700 | 42,900 | - 300 | + 500 |
| Federal | 12,600 | 12,900 | 12,000 | - 300 | + 600 |
| State | 12,500 | 13,300 | 12,400 | - 800 | + 100 |
| Local | 18,300 | 17,500 | 18,500 | + 800 | - 200 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* OCT 1981 | *Revised* SEP 1981 | *Revised* OCT 1980 | *OCT Change From* SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 30,500 | 29,725 | 30,175 | +775 | +325 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,650 | 1,750 | 1,800 | -100 | -150 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,850 | 2,775 | 2,775 | + 75 | + 75 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,150 | 0 | + 50 |
| Transportation | 550 | 525 | 525 | + 25 | + 25 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 650 | 675 | 625 | - 25 | + 25 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,525 | 5,500 | 5,450 | + 25 | + 75 |
| Wholesale Trade | 825 | 825 | 825 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 4,700 | 4,675 | 4,625 | + 25 | + 75 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 725 | 725 | 575 | 0 | +150 |
| Food Stores | 625 | 625 | 600 | 0 | + 25 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 800 | 775 | 775 | + 25 | + 25 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,575 | 1,550 | 1,675 | + 25 | -100 |
| Other Retail Trade | 975 | 1,000 | 1,000 | - 25 | - 25 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,175 | 0 | + 50 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,175 | 3,975 | 4,150 | +200 | + 25 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 650 | 650 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Services | 700 | 725 | 725 | - 25 | - 25 |
| Health Services | 675 | 675 | 625 | 0 | + 50 |
| Social Services | 400 | 425 | 475 | - 25 | - 75 |
| Other Services | 1,750 | 1,500 | 1,675 | +250 | + 75 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13,875 | 13,300 | 13,675 | +575 | +200 |
| Federal | 4,225 | 4,225 | 4,275 | 0 | - 50 |
| State | 5,375 | 4,900 | 5,400 | +475 | - 25 |
| Local | 4,275 | 4,175 | 4,000 | +100 | +275 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### NEW MEXICO

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OCT 1981 | SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 | OCT 1981 | SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 | OCT 1981 | SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 |
| MINING | $442.76 | $444.43 | $410.70 | 44.1 | 43.7 | 44.4 | $10.04 | $10.17 | $9.25 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 386.20 | 358.64 | 339.38 | 37.9 | 35.9 | 35.8 | 10.19 | 9.99 | 9.48 |
| MANUFACTURING | 255.38 | 259.88 | 239.80 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 40.1 | 6.81 | 6.93 | 5.98 |
| Durable Goods | 280.19 | 287.43 | 271.09 | 38.7 | 39.0 | 41.9 | 7.24 | 7.37 | 6.47 |
| Nondurable Goods | 212.05 | 213.50 | 188.98 | 35.4 | 35.0 | 37.2 | 5.99 | 6.10 | 5.08 |
| COMM and UTIL | 365.24 | 369.64 | 316.98 | 39.4 | 42.1 | 40.9 | 9.27 | 8.78 | 7.75 |
| TRADE * | 234.85 | 246.63 | 233.99 | 35.0 | 35.9 | 35.4 | 6.71 | 6.87 | 6.61 |
| BANKING | 173.90 | 172.50 | 163.18 | 37.0 | 37.5 | 37.6 | 4.70 | 4.60 | 4.34 |

### ALBUQUERQUE AREA

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OCT 1981 | SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 | OCT 1981 | SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 | OCT 1981 | SEP 1981 | OCT 1980 |
| Manufacturing | $270.40 | $267.72 | $254.18 | 38.3 | 38.8 | 41.6 | $7.06 | $6.90 | $6.11 |

* Excludes eating and drinking places

*Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Cole Templeton Incorporated was awarded the contract to build a 120 bed convalescent hospital for Presbyterian Hospital Center. Work on the new facility located near I-25 and San Mateo should be complete by early 1983 and over 100 persons should be employed at the hospital. Mountain Bell recently transferred 116 Albuquerque accounting jobs to Phoenix. W&W Steel Co. has purchased the Albuquerque Steel fabrication facility of Rio Grande Steel and plans to double the present plant production by next year. W&W Steel plans to shut down the operation for several months beginning in April for plant modification which will mean a lay-off of about 200 workers. W&W is expected to increase employment to about 300 when the plant returns to production. Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell International in Albuquerque has received an $18 million contract from the Air Force to test materials used in high energy lasers. The laser work will be done on Kirtland Air Force Base and Rocketdyne's Albuquerque employment should total about 150 persons. The Albuquerque City Council has approved the Uptown Sector Development Plan. Under the plan, developers will pay approximately $1.3 million for construction of a loop road encircling the intersection of Louisiana and Indian School Road while the city will pay for $2.8 million in construction costs for a series of other street improvements. Sandia National Laboratory has instigated a freeze on all outside hiring because of current uncertainty about the proposed 1982 federal budget.

ALAMOGORDO AREA - The most recent year-to-date visitor statistics for White Sands National Monument show travel up by 27,000 persons or 5.3 percent from the same period in 1980. The First City Financial Corporation has applied to charter a national bank in Ruidoso.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - National Potash Company has laid off about eighty employees at their Eddy County mine due to the current weak potash market. Cementation Corporation has begun work on a $16 million contract at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site near Carlsbad. Cementation should employ about 80 persons at the Department of Energy project. The Eddy County Commission approved the issuance of $1.7 million in industrial revenue bonds for pollution control equipment at the Amax Chemical Corporation potash mine. The Rasco-Tempo variety store in Carlsbad has closed affecting approximately 15 workers. Randall Farms, Ltd., an Idaho-based firm, wants to locate a 1,500 cow dairy operation near Carlsbad which would employ about fifteen persons.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - R.W. Knudson and Son, a California apple juice canner, is considering locating a plant which would initially employ 30 workers. A new 43,000 square foot Bag and Save grocery store will be built in Los Lunas beginning late this year. The new store should be open for business in mid-February. The State Corrections Department is now looking at a location near Los Lunas as the site for the new $19 million prison facility originally planned for Bernalillo or Sandoval counties. The proposed site is a 1,300 acre tract near the existing medium security prison south of Los Lunas. The new prison would employ 274 persons with an annual payroll of $6.5 million. The Belen City Council has designated a 200 acre site south of town for development into an industrial park. Funding to develop the park will be sought from the 1982 State Legislature.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Honetreat Company has expanded its Clovis manufacturing plant by 11,000 square feet. The firm manufactures various types of pipe. Work has started on a $130,000 alcohol manufacturing plant at New Mexico State University's Plains branch in Clovis. The plant will be used to determine the economic feasibility of alcohol fuel production in New Mexico. Work on the $1.6 million high school complex at Melrose is continuing with completion scheduled for June 1982.

DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA - Burn Construction Company of Las Cruces was awarded the contract for the $4.5 million waste water disposal plant for Deming. Work is expected to begin on the project later this year with completion set for late 1982. Sparton Southwest Incorporated of Albuquerque is establishing a electronics assemblies manufacturing plant in the former Spring City Knitting facility in Deming. Initial employment at the new plant will be approximately 20 workers. A California firm, Seville - Trident Corporation is drilling a 12 to 15,000 foot wildcat oil well near Deming.

*ESPANOLA AREA* - Khalsa Builders of Espanola was the low bidder for a $162,000 contract to add new offices at the Rio Arriba County Courthouse. Building Contractor's Incorporated was awarded a $783,000 contract for construction of several school facilities on the Jicarilla Reservation.

*FARMINGTON AREA* - Sanders Construction Company has won a $1.9 million contract for a new sewage treatment plant in Aztec. The Caribou Four Corners Refinery is back in full production with a crew of 15 persons after minimal operations for the last six months.

*GALLUP/GRANTS AREA* - A 68,300 square foot K-Mart discount store employing about 90 persons has opened in the Rio West Mall in Gallup. Shell Oil Company has announced a preliminary agreement to sell its Cinza Refinery near Gallup to Giant Industries of Phoenix. Giant's future plans for the refinery which employs about 90 persons were not disclosed. Gulf Mineral Resources has laid off 100 of its 700 employees at the Mount Taylor uranium mine construction project. Construction work on the mine will continue although a completion date is now uncertain.

*HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA* - Courson Corporation of Carlsbad has received a $531,000 contract for a classroom addition at Taylor Middle School in Lovington. Hospital Corporation of America is considering a $5 to $6 million expansion for Lea Regional Hospital in Hobbs; however no definite decision has been made on the project.

*LAS CRUCES AREA* - Major commercial projects underway in Las Cruces include work on several new shops at the recently opened Mesilla Valley Mall, a four screen theatre, a Smith Food King Supermarket, a Sandia Savings and Loan Branch, a new facility for Whitfield Bus Lines and the SWIG pecan processing plant. The State Corrections Department has announced that work on the proposed 288 inmate capacity prison near Las Cruces could begin as early as this January. The prison is expected to cost approximately $25.5 million and be built on a 200 acre site five miles west of Las Cruces. Dona Ana county commissioners authorized the issuance of $9.4 million in industrial revenue bonds to finance construction of the Enersteel Products manufacturing plant in the Santa Teresa Industrial Park south of Las Cruces. The 40,000 square foot plant is expected to employ about 50 persons when in operation.

*LAS VEGAS AREA* - The Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas is scheduled for a $1 million restoration project beginning in February. T. Brown Construction Company was the low bidder on $7.5 million worth of highway construction on I-25 near Las Vegas. Work has begun on a $177,000 repair project on Bradner Dam.

*LOS ALAMOS AREA* - County voters have approved a $1.1 million bond issue for capital improvements at the Los Alamos branch of the University of New Mexico. The Department of Energy has awarded Snider-Chapman Construction Company of Santa Fe a $313,000 contract for construction of a passive solar test facility and museum modifications at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

*RATON AREA* - The Pacific Stud sawmill and fingerjoint manufacturing plants in Cimarron were closed due to the current depressed lumber market. Pacific Stud was Cimarron's largest employer with approximately 90 workers. The Cimarron Diversion Project, a multi-million dollar underground water transmission line from Raton to the Cimmaron River, is scheduled to go out to bid in December.

*ROSWELL AREA* - The State Highway Department has chosen Roswell as the site of its employee training academy in administration, engineering and road maintenance. The Department will use existing facilities at the Roswell Industrial Air Center for the Academy. Transportation Manufacturing Corporation has now completed its $15 million expansion program at the firm's bus manufacturing plants in Roswell and now has begun a hiring-training phase which will eventually add nearly 500 workers to the payroll. The firm plans to increase production at the Roswell facility to three complete Greyhound buses each day by late next year.

*SANTA FE AREA* - The Santa Fe City Council has approved the location of a large Mervyn's department store as the anchor retailer for a proposed shopping center at the corner of Cerrillos and Rodeo Road. Plans call for bids to be open in December for a $4.5 million renovation project at the old St. Vincent Hospital complex. The facility will be converted into a 135 bed nursing home to be operated by Presbyterian Medical Services.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - Bechtel, the prime contractor for the major expansion project now underway at Kennecott Corporation's Chino Mines Division at Santa Rita, is expected to employ a peak of approximately 2,000 workers late this year. The $210 million project is scheduled for completion by July 1982. Sharon Steel Corporation laid off 42 workers in October at its Hanover Copper mine. Sharon Steel had previously reduced its workforce by 100 persons in July due to a depressed copper market. Phelps Dodge is going ahead with a detailed engineering study of the proposed $30 million copper extraction plant at their Tyrone Branch; however a decision on actual construction has not been made. Phelps Dodge also announced that due to current low ore prices the Tyrone Copper mine will be shut down from December 23 through January 1st, affecting approximately 700 employees.

*TAOS AREA* - Carson National Forest Officials recently approved the master plan for future development of Taos Ski Valley. The ski area plan calls for adding trails and lifts and for expansion of parking facilities. Amalia Lumber Company reduced their sawmill operations to only one shift, resulting in the layoff of approximately 70 persons.

*TUCUMCARI AREA* - The Tucumcari City Council has approved the issuance of $750,000 in industrial revenue bonds to finance the construction of the proposed Grain Power Inc. ethanol plant. Transcon Freight Lines laid off 10 drivers at their Tucumcari facility.

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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

October 1981 CPI-U - 279.9

(Base 1967=100)

CPI-W - 279.7

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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# OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1981[1/] | | | | REVISED SEPTEMBER 1981[1/] | | | | REVISED OCTOBER 1980[1/] | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 567,858 | 528,778 | 39,080 | 6.9 | 565,272 | 527,483 | 37,789 | 6.7 | 549,468 | 508,092 | 41,376 | 7.5 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA[2/] | 208,015 | 193,438 | 14,577 | 7.0 | 210,016 | 195,079 | 14,937 | 7.1 | 202,535 | 185,613 | 16,922 | 8.4 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA[3/] | 35,520 | 33,012 | 2,508 | 7.1 | 33,884 | 31,563 | 2,321 | 6.8 | 34,344 | 32,064 | 2,280 | 6.6 |
| Catron | 1,145 | 1,002 | 143 | 12.5 | 1,161 | 1,054 | 107 | 9.2 | 1,020 | 957 | 63 | 6.2 |
| Chaves | 21,691 | 20,603 | 1,088 | 5.0 | 21,584 | 20,427 | 1,157 | 5.4 | 21,456 | 20,456 | 1,000 | 4.7 |
| Colfax | 6,199 | 5,832 | 367 | 5.9 | 6,366 | 6,083 | 283 | 4.4 | 6,095 | 5,762 | 333 | 5.5 |
| Curry | 14,598 | 13,796 | 802 | 5.5 | 14,435 | 13,633 | 802 | 5.6 | 14,548 | 13,559 | 989 | 6.8 |
| De Baca | 1,078 | 1,058 | 20 | 1.9 | 1,101 | 1,081 | 20 | 1.8 | 1,150 | 1,129 | 21 | 1.8 |
| Eddy | 22,634 | 21,423 | 1,211 | 5.4 | 22,167 | 21,185 | 982 | 4.4 | 20,893 | 19,885 | 1,008 | 4.8 |
| Grant | 11,684 | 10,775 | 909 | 7.8 | 11,196 | 10,538 | 658 | 5.9 | 9,586 | 8,829 | 757 | 7.9 |
| Guadalupe | 1,542 | 1,415 | 127 | 8.2 | 1,599 | 1,464 | 135 | 8.4 | 1,668 | 1,495 | 173 | 10.4 |
| Harding | 650 | 634 | 16 | 2.5 | 642 | 628 | 14 | 2.2 | 633 | 614 | 19 | 3.0 |
| Hidalgo | 2,384 | 2,295 | 89 | 3.7 | 2,386 | 2,277 | 109 | 4.6 | 2,349 | 2,259 | 90 | 3.8 |
| Lea | 31,214 | 30,084 | 1,130 | 3.6 | 30,461 | 29,709 | 752 | 2.5 | 28,234 | 27,483 | 751 | 2.7 |
| Lincoln | 6,149 | 5,956 | 193 | 3.1 | 6,467 | 6,296 | 171 | 2.6 | 6,266 | 5,973 | 293 | 4.7 |
| Los Alamos | 10,436 | 10,201 | 235 | 2.3 | 10,423 | 10,230 | 193 | 1.9 | 10,223 | 9,743 | 480 | 4.7 |
| Luna | 5,500 | 5,096 | 404 | 7.3 | 5,379 | 5,030 | 349 | 6.5 | 5,564 | 5,017 | 547 | 9.8 |
| McKinley | 18,756 | 16,978 | 1,778 | 9.5 | 18,710 | 16,942 | 1,768 | 9.4 | 18,334 | 16,735 | 1,599 | 8.7 |
| Mora | 1,151 | 839 | 312 | 27.1 | 1,071 | 831 | 240 | 22.4 | 1,168 | 884 | 284 | 24.3 |
| Otero | 13,200 | 12,212 | 988 | 7.5 | 13,229 | 12,236 | 993 | 7.5 | 13,208 | 12,254 | 954 | 7.2 |
| Quay | 5,114 | 4,831 | 283 | 5.5 | 4,988 | 4,751 | 237 | 4.8 | 5,336 | 5,090 | 246 | 4.6 |
| Rio Arriba | 10,106 | 8,508 | 1,598 | 15.8 | 10,496 | 8,857 | 1,639 | 15.6 | 10,238 | 8,560 | 1,678 | 16.4 |
| Roosevelt | 7,867 | 7,696 | 171 | 2.2 | 7,643 | 7,473 | 170 | 2.2 | 8,147 | 7,802 | 345 | 4.2 |
| San Juan | 39,412 | 36,217 | 3,195 | 8.1 | 38,005 | 35,133 | 2,872 | 7.6 | 36,174 | 33,040 | 3,134 | 8.7 |
| San Miguel | 8,193 | 7,438 | 755 | 9.2 | 8,278 | 7,565 | 713 | 8.6 | 8,063 | 7,233 | 830 | 10.3 |
| Santa Fe | 35,513 | 33,511 | 2,002 | 5.6 | 35,880 | 33,889 | 1,991 | 5.5 | 35,286 | 32,893 | 2,393 | 6.8 |
| Sierra | 3,405 | 3,279 | 126 | 3.7 | 3,164 | 3,032 | 132 | 4.2 | 2,780 | 2,706 | 74 | 2.7 |
| Socorro | 4,717 | 4,347 | 370 | 7.8 | 4,413 | 4,086 | 327 | 7.4 | 4,376 | 4,107 | 269 | 6.1 |
| Taos | 9,652 | 8,432 | 1,220 | 12.6 | 9,634 | 8,557 | 1,077 | 11.2 | 8,492 | 7,305 | 1,187 | 14.0 |
| Torrance | 2,343 | 2,284 | 59 | 2.5 | 2,196 | 2,132 | 64 | 2.9 | 2,141 | 2,025 | 116 | 5.4 |
| Union | 2,354 | 2,264 | 90 | 3.8 | 2,297 | 2,227 | 70 | 3.0 | 2,221 | 2,128 | 93 | 4.2 |
| Valencia , Cibola[4/] | 25,636 | 23,322 | 2,314 | 9.0 | 26,001 | 23,495 | 2,506 | 9.6 | 26,940 | 24,492 | 2,448 | 9.1 |

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*1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

*2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties*

*3/ Dona Ana County*

*4/ Estimates for Cibola County are not yet available.*

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# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's labor market exhibited relatively normal seasonal changes in November, a pattern generally in evidence over the past several months. The State's unemployment rate remained unchanged from October at 6.9 percent. The jobless rate has remained in the 7.1 to 6.7 range since June's seasonal peak of 8.1 percent. In contrast, the labor market nationwide deteriorated significantly in November as the U. S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) climbed from 7.5 to 7.9 percent, a full percentage point higher than the New Mexico unemployment rate. Nationally, the manufacturing industry experienced a sharp employment reduction in November, while retail trade failed to report the strong gain usual for this time of year. In manufacturing, particularly hard hit by layoffs were the fabricated metal, electrical equipment and transportation equipment sectors.

In New Mexico, most major industries reported normal employment movement for the month, with the exceptions of an above-average increase in trade and a larger-than-usual job loss in manufacturing. Trade employment can normally be expected to rise with the start of the holiday season, but this November the industry was helped by the opening of several new retail facilities around the state. In manufacturing the lumber and electronic equipment sectors continued to experience layoffs during November. These two sectors have now lost a total of 800 jobs over the last 12 months. The largest manufacturing sector decline in November, -500 in food, is expected this time of year as the chili processing season comes to a close.

Want Consumer Price Index Information?
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NOVEMBER SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov 1981 | Oct 1981 | Nov 1980 | Oct 1981 | Nov 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 564,700 | 567,500 | 542,900 | -2,800 | +21,800 |
| Employment | 525,800 | 528,300 | 501,700 | -2,500 | +24,100 |
| Unemployment | 38,900 | 39,200 | 41,200 | - 300 | - 2,300 |
| Rate (*Actual*) | 6.9 | 6.9 | 7.6 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* NOV 1981 | *Revised* OCT 1981 | *Revised* NOV 1980 | *NOV Change From* OCT 1981 | NOV 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 469,100 | 470,600 | 461,200 | -1,500 | +7,900 |
| MINING | 30,600 | 30,500 | 29,900 | + 100 | + 700 |
| Metal Mining | 9,000 | 9,000 | 10,500 | 0 | -1,500 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,300 | 5,400 | 5,400 | - 100 | - 100 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,300 | 16,100 | 14,000 | + 200 | +2,300 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30,600 | 31,100 | 28,500 | - 500 | +2,100 |
| MANUFACTURING | 31,900 | 32,800 | 34,000 | - 900 | -2,100 |
| Durable Goods | 19,200 | 19,500 | 20,300 | - 300 | -1,100 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,200 | 2,400 | 2,600 | - 200 | - 400 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,200 | 3,400 | 3,600 | - 200 | - 400 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,800 | + 100 | - 100 |
| Other Durable Goods | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,300 | 0 | - 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,700 | 13,300 | 13,700 | - 600 | -1,000 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 4,000 | 4,500 | 4,300 | - 500 | - 300 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,400 | 3,500 | 3,800 | - 100 | - 400 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,600 | 0 | - 300 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 29,300 | 29,300 | 29,100 | 0 | + 200 |
| Railroad Transportation | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,100 | 0 | - 100 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,500 | 0 | + 200 |
| Other Transportation | 3,900 | 3,800 | 3,700 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Communication | 7,400 | 7,500 | 7,700 | - 100 | - 300 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,300 | 9,300 | 9,100 | 0 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 108,800 | 107,600 | 104,200 | +1,200 | +4,600 |
| Wholesale Trade | 21,900 | 21,800 | 21,600 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Durable Goods | 13,000 | 13,000 | 13,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 8,900 | 8,800 | 8,600 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Retail Trade | 86,900 | 85,800 | 82,600 | +1,100 | +4,300 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 12,200 | 11,500 | 11,000 | + 700 | +1,200 |
| Food Stores | 12,400 | 12,300 | 11,700 | + 100 | + 700 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,500 | 11,600 | 12,300 | - 100 | - 800 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 29,400 | 29,200 | 26,800 | + 200 | +2,600 |
| Other Retail Trade | 21,400 | 21,200 | 20,800 | + 200 | + 600 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 21,200 | 21,100 | 20,900 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Banking | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,100 | 0 | + 300 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,400 | 0 | + 100 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 8,300 | 8,200 | 8,400 | + 100 | - 100 |
| SERVICES | 90,100 | 91,300 | 88,600 | -1,200 | +1,500 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 9,700 | 9,800 | 9,600 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Personal Services | 4,500 | 4,600 | 4,400 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Business Services | 19,500 | 19,700 | 18,200 | - 200 | +1,300 |
| Health Services | 22,300 | 22,600 | 21,200 | - 300 | +1,100 |
| Social Services | 7,000 | 7,300 | 9,100 | - 300 | -2,100 |
| Membership Organizations | 4,800 | 4,900 | 4,800 | - 100 | 0 |
| Other Services | 22,300 | 22,400 | 21,300 | - 100 | +1,000 |
| GOVERNMENT | 126,600 | 126,900 | 126,000 | - 300 | + 600 |
| Federal | 29,000 | 29,300 | 28,800 | - 300 | + 200 |
| State 2/ | 45,100 | 45,200 | 45,300 | - 100 | - 200 |
| Local | 52,500 | 52,400 | 51,900 | + 100 | + 600 |

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*1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

*2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

Observing preliminary November data, it appears that Albuquerque thus far has not participated in the national recession. While the U. S. unemployment rate rose from 7.1 percent in November 1980 to 7.9 percent in November 1981, the Albuquerque rate for the same period dropped from 8.0 percent to 7.1 percent. The national unemployment upward trend began this August and has accelerated since then. On the other hand, Albuquerque unemployment has shown only the usual seasonal movements in recent months, trending neither up nor down. Employment in Albuquerque grew slowly over the past twelve months, but some industries, particularly manufacturing and government, have posted losses recently.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 1,000 jobs in November. The most significant, if not largest, loss was in manufacturing, down 400 for the month and 1,300 below a year ago. Most of the thirty-day decline was in durable goods, particularly construction materials and electronics. Decreases in nondurables were centered in food products and apparel manufacturing. While manufacturing comprised 9.6 percent of all nonfarm payroll jobs a year ago, the ratio gradually dropped to stand at 8.9 percent in November 1981. Large manufacturing plants are being constructed and will give manufacturing a large boost eventually, but closures and temporary layoffs will hold employment down during the months immediately ahead. Construction was off by approximately 200 jobs in November. Moderate losses are typical in this industry between October and November. On a longer term basis, construction now at 11,700 is substantially below the 15,100 recorded for November in the years 1978 and 1979. On the somewhat brighter side, employment in the industry has recently begun to move above year ago levels. Scattered losses reduced services by 500 jobs in November. However, industry employment remained 1,800 ahead of a year ago, with business and health services the major contributors.

Wholesale and retail trade sectors provided almost all of the monthly employment gains among specific industries listed in the table on page 4. Most of this demand for workers was related to seasonal hiring for holiday sales. Such hiring is usually predominant in general merchandise stores, apparel stores, miscellaneous retail trade, and food stores. December should see even larger seasonal gains in trade.

NOVEMBER SUMMARY [1/]

| | *Prel.* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov 1981 | Oct 1981 | Nov 1980 | Oct 1981 | Nov 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 208,500 | 208,400 | 201,800 | + 100 | +6,700 |
| Employment | 193,800 | 193,700 | 185,600 | + 100 | +8,200 |
| Unemployment | 14,700 | 14,700 | 16,200 | 0 | -1,500 |
| Rate (*Actual*) | 7.1 | 7.1 | 8.0 | | |

[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in Cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *NOV Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NOV 1981 | OCT 1981 | NOV 1980 | OCT 1981 | NOV 1980 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 188,300 | 189,300 | 186,700 | -1,000 | +1,600 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11,700 | 11,900 | 11,500 | - 200 | + 200 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,700 | 17,100 | 18,000 | - 400 | -1,300 |
| Durable Goods | 11,200 | 11,500 | 12,300 | - 300 | -1,100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,500 | 5,600 | 5,700 | - 100 | - 200 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,800 | 11,800 | 12,000 | 0 | - 200 |
| Transportation | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,300 | 0 | - 400 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,200 | 0 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 48,600 | 48,100 | 47,100 | + 500 | +1,500 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,000 | 13,000 | 12,700 | 0 | + 300 |
| Durable Goods | 8,700 | 8,700 | 8,600 | 0 | + 100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,100 | 0 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 35,600 | 35,100 | 34,400 | + 500 | +1,200 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 4,700 | 4,500 | 4,400 | + 200 | + 300 |
| Food Stores | 4,300 | 4,200 | 4,100 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,300 | 0 | - 200 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 12,600 | 12,600 | 11,700 | 0 | + 900 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,900 | 9,700 | 9,900 | + 200 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Banking | 3,000 | 2,900 | 2,800 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,500 | 3,400 | - 100 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,800 | 0 | - 200 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 45,600 | 46,100 | 43,800 | - 500 | +1,800 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,700 | 0 | + 200 |
| Health Services | 10,600 | 10,800 | 10,100 | - 200 | + 500 |
| Social Services | 2,600 | 2,700 | 2,500 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 0 | + 100 |
| Other Services and Mining | 27,900 | 28,100 | 27,000 | - 200 | + 900 |
| GOVERNMENT | 42,900 | 43,300 | 43,300 | - 400 | - 400 |
| Federal | 12,600 | 12,700 | 12,200 | - 100 | + 400 |
| State | 12,200 | 12,400 | 12,500 | - 200 | - 300 |
| Local | 18,100 | 18,200 | 18,600 | - 100 | - 500 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

## LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* NOV 1981 | *Revised* OCT 1981 | *Revised* NOV 1980 | *NOV Change From* OCT 1981 | NOV 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 30,250 | 30,600 | 29,850 | -350 | +400 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,625 | 1,650 | 1,750 | - 25 | -125 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,575 | 2,850 | 2,500 | -275 | + 75 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,225 | 1,200 | 1,150 | + 25 | + 75 |
| Transportation | 550 | 525 | 525 | + 25 | + 25 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Serv | 675 | 675 | 625 | 0 | + 50 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,600 | 5,525 | 5,425 | + 75 | +175 |
| Wholesale Trade | 850 | 825 | 825 | + 25 | + 25 |
| Retail Trade | 4,750 | 4,700 | 4,600 | + 50 | +150 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 750 | 725 | 575 | + 25 | +175 |
| Food Stores | 625 | 625 | 575 | 0 | + 50 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 775 | 775 | 775 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,600 | 1,550 | 1,675 | + 50 | - 75 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,000 | 1,025 | 1,000 | - 25 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,175 | - 25 | + 25 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,200 | 4,250 | 4,125 | - 50 | + 75 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 650 | 650 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Services | 725 | 725 | 725 | 0 | 0 |
| Health Services | 700 | 700 | 650 | 0 | + 50 |
| Social Services | 400 | 400 | 450 | 0 | - 50 |
| Other Services | 1,725 | 1,775 | 1,650 | - 50 | + 75 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13,825 | 13,900 | 13,725 | - 75 | +100 |
| Federal | 4,050 | 4,275 | 4,300 | -225 | -250 |
| State | 5,450 | 5,375 | 5,400 | + 75 | + 50 |
| Local | 4,325 | 4,250 | 4,025 | + 75 | +300 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | NOV 1981 | OCT 1981 | NOV 1980 | NOV 1981 | OCT 1981 | NOV 1980 | NOV 1981 | OCT 1981 | NOV 1980 |
| **NEW MEXICO** | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $448.51 | $445.09 | $413.16 | 43.8 | 44.2 | 44.0 | $10.24 | $10.07 | $9.39 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 360.88 | 386.05 | 328.59 | 34.6 | 37.7 | 34.3 | 10.43 | 10.24 | 9.58 |
| MANUFACTURING | 267.85 | 257.04 | 243.60 | 39.8 | 37.8 | 40.6 | 6.73 | 6.80 | 6.00 |
| Durable Goods | 291.67 | 281.97 | 268.09 | 39.9 | 39.0 | 41.5 | 7.31 | 7.23 | 6.46 |
| Nondurable Goods | 224.76 | 212.53 | 200.34 | 39.5 | 35.6 | 38.9 | 5.69 | 5.97 | 5.15 |
| COMM & UTILITIES | 340.98 | 366.70 | 332.88 | 42.2 | 39.6 | 41.3 | 8.08 | 9.26 | 8.06 |
| TRADE * | 230.76 | 230.38 | 231.26 | 34.7 | 34.8 | 35.2 | 6.65 | 6.62 | 6.57 |
| BANKING | 188.18 | 173.16 | 185.25 | 38.8 | 37.0 | 39.0 | 4.85 | 4.68 | 4.75 |
| **ALBUQUERQUE** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $280.19 | $271.74 | $255.01 | 40.2 | 38.6 | 41.6 | $6.97 | $7.04 | $6.13 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking Places*

NOTE: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

*ALBUQUERQUE AREA* - Schwartzman Packing Company closed its Albuquerque meat packing plant in December resulting in the layoff of approximately 150 workers. Mountain Bell plans to transfer into Albuquerque approximately 130 jobs presently located in various cities around the state. Bids will be sought in late February for construction of a new three-floor, 200-bed addition to the Bernalillo County Detention Center in downtown Albuquerque. Two firms, Sperry Flight Systems and General Electric, are scheduled to receive defense contracts to manufacture parts for the B-1 bomber and a new helicopter under the defense appropriations bill currently before Congress. Sperry currently employs about 300 persons at its new plant which opened last summer and the company anticipates having about 450 employed by March 1983. GE's Albuquerque plant presently has about 1,600 employees and the new defense contract's affect on its workforce is expected to be negligible. Groundbreaking was held in late November on a $2.8 million housing project in the North Barelas area for low income senior citizens. The new 48,000 square foot Safeway supermarket now under construction at Candelaria and Juan Tabo is scheduled to be completed this March. An Albuquerque Mexican food manufacturer, El Encanto Incorporated, is planning to locate a $3 million plant at the Barelas Industrial Park in the South Valley. El Encanto, Inc. which manufactures Bueno brand Mexican foods, would be the first company to locate in the park. The State Highway Department has awarded a $5.9 million contract for replacement of the Central Avenue bridge over the Rio Grande. Also awarded was a $3.8 million contract to widen the Juan Tabo Interchange on Interstate 40. The Veterans Administration has awarded a $3.45 million contract to W. C. Kruger and Associates for design of its proposed new clinical services wing at the Albuquerque VA Medical Center.

*ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA* - The Blue Bell Wrangler Mens-wear Division manufacturing plant in Alamogordo closed in December resulting in the layoff of about 125 workers. General economic conditions was the reason for the closure of the plant which had been in operation for the past five years. Sherwood Incorporated officials are planning to build a new manufacturing plant in Alamogordo's industrial park beginning in January. Sherwood began operations in temporary facilities in Alamogordo this October. The firm produces electronic wiring devices and is presently employing approximately 50 persons. Work is continuing on the 228,000 square foot White Sands Shopping Mall located north of Alamogordo. The mall should be completed by this March and major tenants will be J. C. Penny and Beall Brothers Department Stores. A $13 million condominium project is being planned for Ruidoso by former Texas Gov. John Connally, former Texas Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and Houston developer Joe McDermott. The project is scheduled to include 105 two and three bedroom condominiums to be built beginning this spring near Ruidoso Downs Race Track. A local developer is planning a 16 acre $4 million amusement park near Ruidoso Downs.

*ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA* - Luther Construction Company has been awarded a $1.7 million contract to build a 64-bed nursing home in Carlsbad which will be operated by Landsun Homes. The new facility, to be called Health Services Center, will be located next to the present Landsun Homes nursing home and should be completed by the end of 1982. Artesia General Hospital is now operating from their new $5.2 million facility.

*BELEN/SOCORRO AREA* - Work is underway on a new 34,000 square foot Smiths Food and Drug Store near Los Lunas. The new store is expected to be open in June, 1982.

*CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA* - The Levi Strauss plant in Clovis closed down from December 17 to January 4, affecting approximately 240 workers. The area peanut harvest this year was described by local farmers as "average" and not as good as the 1980 crop. Early hail and wind damage and late rains prevented peanut farmers from having an excellent crop.

*DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA* - Deming Electronics, a branch of Sparton Southwest Incorporated is scheduled to begin a printed circuit-board assembly operation, employing about 10 persons, in the former Spring City Knitting plant in early January.

*FARMINGTON AREA* - The Navajo tribe is studying the possibility of building a $100 million railroad spur running from the Gallup area to the San Juan Generating Station west of Farmington to be used basically for coal shipment. Construction of the railroad could possibly begin within the next 18 months. Jaynes Corporation was awarded a $3.8 million contract to build an office building in downtown Farmington which will be used to consolidate most of the federal offices in the city. A new $2 million, 44,000 square foot Sack N' Save grocery store is scheduled to be constructed in Farmington beginning in January. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in November for the new 100,000 square foot Shiprock Shopping Center. The center should be open by early 1983 and the major tenants will be Montgomery Ward and Safeway.

*GALLUP/GRANTS AREA* - State Corrections Department officials have chosen a 600-acre site near Grants as the location of the $19 million prison funded by the 1981 State Legislature. The facility will include an 80-bed womens center and a 144-bed intake classification center, employing approximately 275 workers. Work on the prison is scheduled to begin in April 1982, with completion targeted for January 1984. A $3.6 million expansion project for Cibola General Hospital in Grants is being planned by hospital officials. Financing arrangements for the expansion are presently underway and construction time is expected to be 18 months to two years. A 36,600 square foot food store, Big Save Supermarket, recently opened in Milan.

*HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA* - General Telephone Company of the Southwest has begun a $13 million improvement program for its Lea County operations. Included in the program is a 12,000 square foot expansion of the Hobbs switching center. Work has started in Hobbs on a new $1.25 million building for ARCO Oil and Gas Company. The contract for the estimated $4.4 million Lea County Jail in Lovington is expected to be let for bid this April and a late 1983 completion date is anticipated, according to county officials. Work should start in January on a new 26,000 square foot Furrs supermarket in Lovington. Permian Basin oilwell drilling activity is continuing to break all time records with Lea County leading all Basin areas with approximately 60 rigs operating. Shell Oil Company has completed and put into operation its $40 million North Hobbs Waterflood Unit which will result in production of an estimated additional 55 million barrels of oil during the life of the project.

*LAS CRUCES AREA* - A 60 unit Super 8 Motel being constructed on La Pasado Lane in Las Cruces should open in February. White Sands Missile Range awarded approximately $8 million in contracts to local businesses during the third quarter of 1981. Las Cruces Medical Associates has submitted an application for a State Certificate of Need to build a $2 million Outpatient Surgical Center. The new medical center, if built, would create about 21 new jobs. Construction was completed in November on the $7.8 million Powey Mud Springs Dam, a part of the Truth or Consequences - Williamsburg Watershed and Flood Protection Plan. Peter Kiewit and Sons Company was the contractor for the project which began in May, 1980. The State Corrections Department is proposing locating a 64-bed minimum security prison at Elephant Butte Lake State Park. The prison would provide maintenance for the Park under a program to teach the prisoners how to work in the outside world before being released. The prison proposal will go before the State Legislature in January.

*LAS VEGAS AREA* - A large fiber board manufacturing plant which would employ approximately 200 persons is planned for the Las Vegas area. The new plant, to be called Montana de Fibre, is a joint venture of

Frontier Fiber and Meadows Resources, Incorporated, two New Mexico corporations. Construction on the facility, which will be located north of Las Vegas, is expected to begin in March or April of 1982 and the plant could start initial operations by the fall of 1982. A Texas based firm, Fairchild Metal Fabricators, Inc., has announced plans to locate a $1.5 million manufacturing plant in the new Dee Bibb Industrial Park south of Las Vegas. The Fairchild facility will employ about 20 persons, mostly certified welders. Allsups Convenience Stores Incorporated is opening 4 new stores in Las Vegas and one store in Mora. Approximately 14 persons will be employed at each new store. T. Brown Construction Incorporated of Albuquerque was awarded a $6.4 million contract for highway work on I-25 north of Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - Los Alamos National Laboratory has initiated a voluntary separation program for its employees in order to reduce the Labs workforce by 200 to 400 workers due to budgetary restraints. Lab officials are hopeful that this program will enable the facility to avoid significant involuntary layoffs in the near future.

ROSWELL AREA - Goehring Meat Incorporated, a California meat packing firm, purchased the main plant of the closed Glover Packing Company facility. Goehring officials did not disclose their future plans for the operation. A Georgia-based restaurant chain, Western Sizzlin Steak House, is locating a 222 seating capacity eatery in Roswell. The restaurant, presently under construction on North Main Street, is scheduled to open in early February. American Linen Company is expanding into a new 18,000 square foot facility, resulting in approximately 10 new jobs.

SANTA FE AREA - Mountain Bell is relocating to Santa Fe approximately 70 jobs now located in Farmington and Taos as part of a centralization of administrative functions.

SILVER CITY AREA - Phelps Dodge Corporation suspended operations at their Grant County copper mine the last two weeks in December and plan to layoff approximately 40 workers in early January due to current low ore prices. The Christmas shutdown affected approximately 700 employees. Work has begun on a new 100,000 square foot shopping center in Silver City which will contain a 40,000 square foot T. G. and Y. Family Store.

TAOS AREA - The underground expansion project at the Molycorp Molybdenum mine in Questa is continuing. Molycorp is employing approximately 720 persons and another 200 are employed by contractors for the expansion project. The mine is expected to employ about 900 workers by the fall of 1982 and about 1,000 when the new underground mine is in full operation by 1983.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Construction work is continuing on the city waste water treatment plant and the addition to Citizens Bank. The new Childress and Associates duffle bag manufacturing plant is now employing approximately 45 workers.

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U. S. Consumer Price Index
November 1981 CPI-U - 280.7
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-U - 280.4
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and
Clerical Workers

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Want Consumer Price Index Information?

Bureau of Labor Statistics Regional Commissioner Bryan Richey will speak at the UNM Robert O. Anderson School of Business on January 12, 1982. His presentation on "Current Price Index Issues and Recent Developments" is set for 1:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room, Room 112 in the west wing. The event is open to the public without charge. It is jointly sponsored by this department and the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, U.N.M.

## OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1981 1/ | | | | REVISED OCTOBER 1981 1/ | | | | REVISED NOVEMBER 1980 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 564,736 | 525,801 | 38,935 | 6.9 | 567,486 | 528,268 | 39,218 | 6.9 | 542,898 | 501,710 | 41,188 | 7.6 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 208,478 | 193,826 | 14,652 | 7.0 | 208,360 | 193,652 | 14,708 | 7.1 | 201,752 | 185,600 | 16,152 | 8.0 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 34,705 | 32,381 | 2,324 | 6.7 | 35,656 | 33,126 | 2,530 | 7.1 | 33,820 | 30,924 | 2,896 | 8.6 |
| Catron | 1,079 | 940 | 139 | 12.9 | 1,145 | 1,002 | 143 | 12.5 | 898 | 829 | 69 | 7.7 |
| Chaves | 21,677 | 20,637 | 1,040 | 4.8 | 21,665 | 20,613 | 1,052 | 4.9 | 21,102 | 20,033 | 1,069 | 5.1 |
| Colfax | 5,911 | 5,567 | 344 | 5.8 | 6,203 | 5,835 | 368 | 5.9 | 5,880 | 5,477 | 403 | 6.9 |
| Curry | 14,438 | 13,589 | 849 | 5.9 | 14,609 | 13,803 | 806 | 5.5 | 14,238 | 13,277 | 961 | 6.7 |
| De Baca | 1,037 | 999 | 38 | 3.7 | 1,079 | 1,059 | 20 | 1.9 | 1,049 | 1,027 | 22 | 2.1 |
| Eddy | 22,131 | 21,244 | 887 | 4.0 | 22,649 | 21,434 | 1,215 | 5.4 | 20,452 | 19,529 | 923 | 4.5 |
| Grant | 11,929 | 11,097 | 832 | 7.0 | 11,694 | 10,780 | 914 | 7.8 | 9,366 | 8,709 | 657 | 7.0 |
| Guadalupe | 1,501 | 1,385 | 116 | 7.7 | 1,540 | 1,416 | 124 | 8.1 | 1,631 | 1,448 | 183 | 11.2 |
| Harding | 590 | 577 | 13 | 2.2 | 650 | 634 | 16 | 2.5 | 579 | 560 | 19 | 3.3 |
| Hidalgo | 2,308 | 2,199 | 109 | 4.7 | 2,385 | 2,296 | 89 | 3.7 | 2,275 | 2,168 | 107 | 4.7 |
| Lea | 31,305 | 30,332 | 973 | 3.1 | 31,189 | 30,098 | 1,091 | 3.5 | 28,016 | 27,247 | 769 | 2.7 |
| Lincoln | 6,038 | 5,864 | 174 | 2.9 | 6,153 | 5,959 | 194 | 3.2 | 5,940 | 5,685 | 255 | 4.3 |
| Los Alamos | 10,405 | 10,180 | 225 | 2.2 | 10,441 | 10,206 | 325 | 2.3 | 9,998 | 9,553 | 445 | 4.5 |
| Luna | 4,863 | 4,499 | 364 | 7.5 | 5,503 | 5,099 | 404 | 7.3 | 5,065 | 4,545 | 520 | 10.3 |
| McKinley | 18,739 | 17,042 | 1,697 | 9.1 | 18,778 | 16,986 | 1,792 | 9.5 | 18,069 | 16,444 | 1,625 | 9.0 |
| Mora | 1,111 | 753 | 358 | 32.2 | 1,153 | 839 | 314 | 27.2 | 1,147 | 804 | 343 | 29.9 |
| Otero | 13,205 | 12,224 | 981 | 7.4 | 13,219 | 12,217 | 1,002 | 7.6 | 13,150 | 12,194 | 956 | 7.3 |
| Quay | 4,914 | 4,592 | 322 | 6.6 | 5,117 | 4,834 | 283 | 5.5 | 5,254 | 4,901 | 353 | 6.7 |
| Rio Arriba | 10,118 | 8,347 | 1,771 | 17.5 | 10,123 | 8,512 | 1,611 | 15.9 | 10,319 | 8,454 | 1,865 | 18.1 |
| Roosevelt | 7,755 | 7,545 | 210 | 2.7 | 7,871 | 7,700 | 171 | 2.2 | 7,558 | 7,328 | 230 | 3.0 |
| San Juan | 39,681 | 36,448 | 3,233 | 8.1 | 38,886 | 35,708 | 3,178 | 8.2 | 35,470 | 32,666 | 2,804 | 7.9 |
| San Miguel | 8,149 | 7,362 | 787 | 9.7 | 8,201 | 7,441 | 760 | 9.3 | 8,084 | 7,217 | 867 | 10.7 |
| Santa Fe | 35,737 | 33,599 | 2,138 | 6.0 | 35,538 | 33,527 | 2,011 | 5.7 | 35,022 | 32,612 | 2,410 | 6.9 |
| Sierra | 3,259 | 3,131 | 128 | 3.9 | 3,238 | 3,114 | 124 | 3.8 | 2,774 | 2,693 | 81 | 2.9 |
| Socorro | 4,592 | 4,234 | 358 | 7.8 | 4,719 | 4,349 | 370 | 7.8 | 4,340 | 4,036 | 304 | 7.0 |
| Taos | 9,620 | 8,284 | 1,336 | 13.9 | 9,665 | 8,436 | 1,229 | 12.7 | 8,678 | 7,478 | 1,200 | 13.8 |
| Torrance | 2,231 | 2,151 | 80 | 3.6 | 2,344 | 2,285 | 59 | 2.5 | 2,035 | 1,913 | 122 | 6.0 |
| Union | 2,198 | 2,114 | 84 | 3.8 | 2,355 | 2,265 | 90 | 3.8 | 2,113 | 2,033 | 80 | 3.8 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 25,032 | 22,659 | 2,373 | 9.5 | 25,358 | 23,043 | 2,315 | 9.1 | 26,824 | 24,326 | 2,498 | 9.3 |

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1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Estimates for Cibola County are not yet available.*

# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

December was generally a good month for the New Mexico economy, according to preliminary labor force estimates; however, initial indications are that January's estimates may not be as encouraging. The number of unemployed declined by 2,300 persons during December to a total of 36,700, the lowest level of joblessness in the State since late in 1979. New Mexico's unemployment rate dropped from 6.9 percent in November to 6.5 percent, also the lowest in two years. The bad news is that several large layoffs, including those at the Schwartzman meat packing plant in Albuquerque and at the Sharon Steel copper mine and mill near Silver City, occurred after the estimate reference period in December and therefore will not show up in the unemployment totals until January.

The U. S. economy continued to experience difficulties in December as the nationwide jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) grew to 8.3 percent, a jump of almost a percentage point since October.

In New Mexico, most major industries reported normal employment movement during December. Construction lost 2,100 jobs as colder weather set in, and the trade industry geared up for the holiday season with a 2,300 job gain. Another large job change was in services with 800 additional jobs spread out among most industry sectors.

Over the year , trade led all industries in growth with 5,500, mostly in eating & drinking establishments, general merchandise and food stores. The only job reduction in the trade industry was -700 in the nationally hard-hit auto dealers and service stations sector. In mining, two almost offsetting job movements continued to be in evidence as robust growth in oil & gas was counterbalanced by reductions in metal mining, much of it in uranium. Manufacturing employment in the State faired poorly in 1981. The industry lost 2,100 jobs over the last 12 months and every manufacturing sector participated in the reduction. The largest losses were posted by lumber, food and apparel.

DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec 1981 | Nov 1981 | Dec 1980 | Nov 1981 | Dec 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 561,000 | 564,100 | 537,900 | -3,100 | +23,100 |
| Employment | 524,300 | 525,100 | 497,100 | - 800 | +27,200 |
| Unemployment | 36,700 | 39,000 | 40,800 | -2,300 | - 4,100 |
| Rate *(Actual)* | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.6 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* DEC 1981 | *Revised* NOV 1981 | *Revised* DEC 1980 | *DEC Change From* NOV 1981 | DEC 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 469,400 | 468,400 | 462,800 | +1,000 | +6,600 |
| MINING | 30,500 | 30,400 | 30,400 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Metal Mining | 9,000 | 9,000 | 10,500 | 0 | -1,500 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,400 | 0 | - 100 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,200 | 16,100 | 14,500 | + 100 | +1,700 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 28,600 | 30,700 | 27,700 | -2,100 | + 900 |
| MANUFACTURING | 31,900 | 32,000 | 34,000 | - 100 | -2,100 |
| Durable Goods | 19,300 | 19,200 | 20,400 | + 100 | -1,100 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,600 | 0 | - 500 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,400 | 3,300 | 3,600 | + 100 | - 200 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,900 | 0 | - 200 |
| Other Durable Goods | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,300 | 0 | - 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,600 | 12,800 | 13,600 | - 200 | -1,000 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 3,800 | 4,100 | 4,200 | - 300 | - 400 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,800 | 0 | - 400 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,400 | 5,300 | 5,600 | + 100 | - 200 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 29,600 | 29,300 | 29,200 | + 300 | + 400 |
| Railroad Transportation | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,100 | 0 | - 100 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,900 | 5,700 | 5,600 | + 200 | + 300 |
| Other Transportation | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Communication | 7,500 | 7,400 | 7,600 | + 100 | - 100 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,400 | 9,400 | 9,100 | 0 | + 300 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 111,000 | 108,700 | 105,500 | +2,300 | +5,500 |
| Wholesale Trade | 22,000 | 21,900 | 21,600 | + 100 | + 400 |
| Durable Goods | 13,100 | 13,000 | 12,900 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 8,900 | 8,900 | 8,700 | 0 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 89,000 | 86,800 | 83,900 | +2,200 | +5,100 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 13,100 | 12,100 | 11,900 | +1,000 | +1,200 |
| Food Stores | 12,600 | 12,400 | 11,900 | + 200 | + 700 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,500 | 11,500 | 12,200 | 0 | - 700 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 29,400 | 29,300 | 26,300 | + 100 | +3,100 |
| Other Retail Trade | 22,400 | 21,500 | 21,600 | + 900 | + 800 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 21,200 | 21,200 | 20,900 | 0 | + 300 |
| Banking | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,100 | 0 | + 300 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 8,300 | 8,300 | 8,300 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 90,700 | 89,900 | 89,400 | + 800 | +1,300 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,500 | 0 | + 100 |
| Personal Services | 4,700 | 4,500 | 4,400 | + 200 | + 300 |
| Business Services | 19,700 | 19,300 | 18,500 | + 400 | +1,200 |
| Health Services | 22,400 | 22,300 | 21,400 | + 100 | +1,000 |
| Social Services | 6,900 | 7,100 | 9,200 | - 200 | -2,300 |
| Membership Organizations | 4,700 | 4,800 | 5,100 | - 100 | - 400 |
| Other Services | 22,700 | 22,300 | 21,300 | + 400 | +1,400 |
| GOVERNMENT | 125,900 | 126,200 | 125,700 | - 300 | + 200 |
| Federal | 28,400 | 28,700 | 28,600 | - 300 | - 200 |
| State 2/ | 44,700 | 45,100 | 44,600 | - 400 | + 100 |
| Local | 52,800 | 52,400 | 52,500 | + 400 | + 300 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque labor market experienced generally favorable changes in December, according to preliminary estimates. Employment rose while unemployment declined substantially during the 30-day period. The unemployment rate dropped over half a percentage point to stand at 6.5 percent, the lowest its been since November, 1979.

The improvement in employment resulted almost entirely from a 1,200 job gain in trade and from an absence, in this difficult national period, of greater than usual reductions among other industries. The decrease in unemployment was due to net gains in employment and to some shrinking in the size of the labor force. Layoffs, including the Schwartsman meatpacking one, occurred after the estimate reference period for December and therefore will not be reflected in employment and unemployment until next month.

The U. S. employment situation continued its recessionary trend in December. Employment (not seasonally adjusted) decreased 861,000 and unemployment rose 337,000. The unemployment rate nationally was up from 7.9 percent in November to 8.3 percent in December, the same period during which Albuquerque's rate dropped significantly. Even when adjusted for seasonal influences, the U. S. labor force figures display the same recessionary trend: employment is down; unemployment and the unemployment rate are up.

Albuquerque nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 600 in December to a level of 189,000. Changes by industry were 200 or less except for the strong gain of 1,200 jobs in trade already mentioned above. Distributed by sector, these jobs resulted from hiring for the holiday season in general merchandise, apparel and miscellaneous retail trade stores. Substantial additional hiring in eating & drinking places helped push total trade employment beyond normally expected increases.

Over the year, gains in trade and services were partly offset by manufacturing declines, accounting for most of the 2,400 job increase in nonfarm payroll jobs. Twelve-month advances were registered in virtually every trade sector except auto dealers & service stations. Manufacturing lost jobs in almost all durable goods sectors and in apparel and food sectors of nondurables.

DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel.* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec 1981 | Nov 1981 | Dec 1980 | Nov 1981 | Dec 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 207,700 | 208,400 | 200,000 | - 700 | + 7,700 |
| Employment | 194,200 | 193,700 | 184,100 | + 500 | +10,100 |
| Unemployment | 13,500 | 14,700 | 15,900 | -1,200 | - 2,400 |
| Rate *(Actual)* | 6.5 | 7.1 | 8.0 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in Cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | Prelim | Revised | Revised | DEC Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEC 1981 | NOV 1981 | DEC 1980 | NOV 1981 | DEC 1980 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 189,000 | 188,400 | 186,600 | + 600 | +2,400 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11,600 | 11,800 | 11,200 | - 200 | + 400 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,700 | 16,800 | 18,000 | - 100 | -1,300 |
| Durable Goods | 11,300 | 11,200 | 12,300 | + 100 | -1,000 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,400 | 5,600 | 5,700 | - 200 | - 300 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,800 | 11,800 | 12,100 | 0 | - 300 |
| Transportation | 5,600 | 5,500 | 5,600 | + 100 | 0 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,300 | 0 | - 400 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,300 | 2,400 | 2,200 | - 100 | + 100 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 49,600 | 48,400 | 47,700 | +1,200 | +1,900 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,000 | 12,900 | 12,800 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Durable Goods | 8,700 | 8,700 | 8,600 | 0 | + 100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,300 | 4,200 | 4,200 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Retail Trade | 36,600 | 35,500 | 34,900 | +1,100 | +1,700 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 5,000 | 4,600 | 4,700 | + 400 | + 300 |
| Food Stores | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 0 | + 100 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,300 | 0 | - 200 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 12,800 | 12,500 | 11,500 | + 300 | +1,300 |
| Other Retail Trade | 10,400 | 10,000 | 10,200 | + 400 | + 200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,000 | 11,000 | 10,900 | 0 | + 100 |
| Banking | 2,900 | 3,000 | 2,800 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,500 | 3,400 | 3,400 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,700 | 0 | - 100 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 45,600 | 45,700 | 44,100 | - 100 | +1,500 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 0 | + 100 |
| Health Services | 10,600 | 10,600 | 10,200 | 0 | + 400 |
| Social Services | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,500 | 0 | + 100 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Services and Mining | 27,900 | 28,000 | 27,000 | - 100 | + 900 |
| GOVERNMENT | 42,700 | 42,900 | 42,600 | - 200 | + 100 |
| Federal | 12,400 | 12,600 | 12,200 | - 200 | + 200 |
| State | 12,000 | 12,200 | 11,700 | - 200 | + 300 |
| Local | 18,300 | 18,100 | 18,700 | + 200 | - 400 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* DEC 1981 | *Revised* NOV 1981 | *Revised* DEC 1980 | *DEC Change From* NOV 1981 | DEC 1980 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 30,375 | 30,275 | 30,125 | +100 | +250 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,675 | 1,575 | 1,750 | +100 | - 75 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,550 | 2,600 | 2,525 | - 50 | + 25 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,175 | - 25 | + 25 |
| Transportation | 550 | 550 | 550 | 0 | 0 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 650 | 675 | 625 | - 25 | + 25 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,675 | 5,625 | 5,500 | + 50 | +175 |
| Wholesale Trade | 825 | 850 | 850 | - 25 | - 25 |
| Retail Trade | 4,850 | 4,775 | 4,650 | + 75 | +200 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 825 | 750 | 650 | + 75 | +175 |
| Food Stores | 625 | 625 | 600 | 0 | + 25 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 775 | 775 | 775 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,550 | 1,600 | 1,575 | - 50 | - 25 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,075 | 1,025 | 1,050 | + 50 | + 25 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,175 | - 25 | + 25 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,225 | 4,225 | 4,100 | 0 | +125 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 650 | 650 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Services | 725 | 725 | 750 | 0 | - 25 |
| Health Services | 700 | 700 | 625 | 0 | + 75 |
| Social Services | 400 | 400 | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Services | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,675 | 0 | + 75 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13,850 | 13,800 | 13,900 | + 50 | - 50 |
| Federal | 4,100 | 4,050 | 4,300 | + 50 | -200 |
| State | 5,425 | 5,450 | 5,375 | - 25 | + 50 |
| Local | 4,325 | 4,300 | 4,225 | + 25 | +100 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DEC 1981 | NOV 1981 | DEC 1980 | DEC 1981 | NOV 1981 | DEC 1980 | DEC 1981 | NOV 1981 | DEC 1980 |
| **NEW MEXICO** | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $441.09 | $442.95 | $416.68 | 43.5 | 43.9 | 44.0 | $10.14 | $10.09 | $9.47 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 392.46 | 365.05 | 349.67 | 37.7 | 34.9 | 35.9 | 10.41 | 10.46 | 9.74 |
| MANUFACTURING | 272.05 | 268.88 | 245.63 | 39.6 | 39.6 | 40.4 | 6.87 | 6.79 | 6.08 |
| Durable Goods | 296.51 | 293.66 | 272.81 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 42.1 | 7.45 | 7.36 | 6.48 |
| Nondurable Goods | 227.75 | 224.64 | 197.10 | 39.2 | 39.0 | 37.4 | 5.81 | 5.76 | 5.27 |
| COMM and UTIL | 383.95 | 374.78 | 339.42 | 42.1 | 42.3 | 41.8 | 9.12 | 8.86 | 8.12 |
| TRADE * | 225.54 | 231.07 | 228.98 | 35.8 | 34.8 | 35.5 | 6.30 | 6.64 | 6.45 |
| BANKING | 180.31 | 185.09 | 166.70 | 37.1 | 38.4 | 36.8 | 4.86 | 4.82 | 4.53 |
| **ALBUQUERQUE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $281.13 | $279.40 | $253.15 | 39.1 | 39.8 | 41.5 | $ 7.19 | $ 7.02 | $6.10 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - An Arizona based restaurant chain, Garcia's of Scottsdale, has opened a new 10,200 square foot facility in the Uptown area. The new restaurant is the ninth in the company's chain. Two new office buildings with a combined value of $17 million are scheduled to be built in the Uptown area. Consolidated Capital Equities Incorporated, a San Francisco based development firm, is planning a seven story, 70,000 square foot office building and Transamerica Corporation is planning a five story, 90,000 square foot office building. Officials of both projects are hoping to start construction early this year. The 57 year old Washington Mid-school is slated for demolition and a new $4.3 million facility will be built in its place, with completion scheduled for spring 1983. Kerr Companies of Minneapolis recently purchased the historic Hotel Plaza downtown and plans to close the facility in mid-February for a $5 million renovation project. The Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute is scheduled to close this October as part of budget reductions for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The school presently has an enrollment of 55 students. The facility will be converted into a center for other BIA programs and offices. Private developers want to convert a series of buildings near Central and Broadway into offices and a restaurant. The development project will be called Union Square and the initial $2.4 million phase of the project should be underway this spring. SDD Magnetics Incorporated has asked the Albuquerque City Council for $350,000 in industrial revenue bonds to help expand its city electric motor manufacturing plant. SDD Magnetics currently employs 12 workers and plans to add another 13 workers in the expansion. Work has begun on the new $1.4 million office that will house the State Motor Vehicle Division serving Albuquerque. A possible development is the purchase of the First Plaza downtown from the First National Bank by an undisclosed buyer. The buyer may construct a second office structure across the street from First Plaza if the purchase deal is completed.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Sherwood Incorporated has purchased the recently closed Blue Bell Wrangler jeans plant in Alamogordo and plans to move its electronic harness manufacturing operation to the facility by early February. Sherwood located in Alamogordo in October and employs approximately 20 persons. First Florida Corporation was recently issued a building permit to construct a $946,000 Motel 6 in Alamogordo. Several projects are on the drawing board for Ruidoso. Safeway Incorporated has recently purchased land in Ruidoso for a proposed shopping center and Gibson's is planning to locate an 8,000 square foot grocery store and garden center in the community. Work is scheduled to begin in May on the new $6.7 million Ruidoso High School.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - National Potash Company (NPC) is suspending production at its potash mine, resulting in the layoff of 230 workers. NPC previously laid off 85 workers in October due to the current slump in the potash market. Recent reports by the Department of Energy disclose that construction contracts at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad will total $20 million for fiscal 1982 which ends this September 30th. The DOE expects work scheduled for FY 83 to total about $75 million. Ballard and Sons Contractors recently completed a $700,000 remodeling project at Artesia High School. Dow Chemical Company is planning to establish a district service center in the Artesia Industrial Park. Dow Chemical has operated in the Artesia area for several years and now wants to build a new, expanded facility which would add approximately 50 workers to their Artesia payroll.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - A 67 unit condominium project is being built in Belen by local businessmen Frank Seminara and Edward Hastel. The Bureau of Reclamation has allocated $8.3 million for renovation of the San Acacia-Elephant Butte Conveyance Channel, part of the Middle Rio Grande Project. The State Highway Department is seeking bids for a $6.5 million I-40 project near Milan.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - A $5 million general obligation bond issue will go before area voters in February which would be used for a planned five year $18 million campus improvement project for Eastern New Mexico University.

ESPANOLA AREA - Meadow Resources, the firm which is planning the large fiberboard manufacturing plant near Las Vegas, has contracted with Evergreen Lumber to provide wood material for the proposed Las Vegas plant. Evergreen Lumber operates a sawmill near Chama which has been closed since mid-1981 because of the poor lumber market. A date for reopening the Chama sawmill was not disclosed, although work on the fiberboard plant should begin this spring.

FARMINGTON AREA - Work is continuing on the $25 million, 600,000 square foot Animas Mall in Farmington. The Mall is slated for opening this fall and will be the fourth largest shopping center in the State, behind the two Albuquerque centers and the Mesilla Mall in Las Cruces. Kent Nowlin Construction Company was awarded a $283,000 contract for a new water storage reservoir and water treatment plant improvements for the city of Bloomfield.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Anaconda Copper Company is continuing with plans to close their uranium milling operation near Bluewater at the end of March. Anaconda officials state that 700 to 800 workers will be laid off as a result of the mill closure. Anaconda had shut down its Jackpile uranium mine at Laguna Pueblo last February because of low ore prices and depletion of the mine's orebody. Almost 400 employees were laid off at that time and with the March 31st mill closure, almost 1,200 Anaconda workers will have been terminated.

Transwestern Pipeline Company is transferring 18 of its 25 employees in Thoreau to Belen as part of a company reorganization plan. Pittsburg and Midway Coal Mining Company will move its western division offices from Aurora, Colorado to Gallup by April, according to company officials. The transfer will involve approximately 20 workers.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Hobbs building permits in 1981 hit an all-time high of $30,026,405. Work has begun on a new $500,000 restaurant in Hobbs. A group of local investors are planning a $2.5 million ultra-high frequency television channel. The new television broadcasting company will be called Hobbs Family Television and employ approximately 25 persons.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Recent figures for White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) show a payroll of nearly 8,000 workers. WSMR contract purchases for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981 totaled $45 million with Las Cruces area firms receiving almost one half of the contract expenditure. Albuquerque fims received slightly over $12 million in WSMR contracts while El Paso businesses accounted for about $7 million. Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan opened their new Las Cruces office.

LAS VEGAS AREA - A $1 million restoration project on the historic Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas was awarded to Franken Construction of Las Vegas. J. R. Hale of Albuquerque was awarded a $388,000 contract for repair work on Bradner Reservoir, northeast of Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - Construction is being completed on the $15.5 million Tritium System Test Assembly plant at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the new facility should be in operation by this spring. Los Alamos National Laboratory will release 260 employees in Feburary as part of the voluntary separation program it instigated late in 1981. According to Lab officials, the voluntary program will enable the facility to only lay off less than 100 persons and the cutback will be spread out over the next several months.

ROSWELL AREA - The Chaves County Commis- million in industrial development bonds to aid construction of a natural gas collection plant by Western States Gas System Incorporated, an El Paso based firm. The actual site for the plant has not been selected; however the facility is expected to employ approximately 30 persons. Two Roswell investors, Chuck Gara and Henry Alaniz, have purchased the former Glover Packing Company plant from the California firm which was low bidder at the December 14 public auction of the property. The investors are interested in finding a tenant interested in establishing an operation in the now defunct meat packing plant. A local developer, Pete DiOrio, is planning to construct a 60,000 square foot, $4.8 million office building in Roswell. Work on the new building could begin this spring and be completed by early 1983.

*SANTA FE AREA* - Springer Construction Company has started work on the $4.1 million renovation of the old St. Vincent Hospital into a 135 bed nursing home and various state offices. When work is completed in about one year, the nursing facility will be operated by Presbyterian Medical Services. Revco Discount Drug Center recently opened a retail facility in Santa Fe.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - Sharon Steel Corporation laid off approximately 200 workers in mid-January at its copper mine and mill near Silver City. Company officials said they were temporarily suspending production operations because of the depressed copper price. Approximately 90 persons will remain on the job to continue development work in the company's open pit mine. Sharon Steel laid off 100 workers last July and another 60 last October because of the copper slump.

*TAOS AREA* - The ski season is in full swing and Taos Ski Valley is employing approximately 450 workers. The area trade and service industries also are benefiting significantly from the good snow conditions at the area ski resorts. Molycorp officials have announced a postponement of the opening of the new molybdenum mill until this spring because of current low ore prices. Molycorp is now employing about 700 workers, mostly working on the mine expansion project which should be completed by mid-1983.

*TUCUMCARI AREA* - Transcon Freight Lines laid off 15 drivers in December, bringing to a total of 25 the number of layoffs in the last two months of 1981. Construction work is continuing on the city waste water treatment facility and the addition to Citizens Bank in Tucumcari. The Childress and Associates duffle bag manufacturing plant is expanding their production, resulting in an increase of about 40 workers.

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## U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

December 1981 CPI-U - 281.5
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 281.1

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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## OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1981 1/ | | | | REVISED NOVEMBER 1981 1/ | | | | REVISED DECEMBER 1980 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 561,017 | 524,293 | 36,724 | 6.5 | 564,083 | 525,091 | 38,992 | 6.9 | 537,947 | 497,128 | 40,819 | 7.6 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 207,733 | 194,186 | 13,547 | 6.5 | 208,354 | 193,653 | 14,701 | 7.1 | 199,926 | 184,064 | 15,862 | 7.9 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 35,039 | 32,831 | 2,208 | 6.3 | 34,696 | 32,374 | 2,322 | 6.7 | 33,293 | 30,729 | 2,564 | 7.7 |
| Catron | 1,096 | 933 | 163 | 14.9 | 1,079 | 939 | 140 | 13.0 | 885 | 761 | 124 | 14.0 |
| Chaves | 21,451 | 20,422 | 1,029 | 4.8 | 21,640 | 20,600 | 1,040 | 4.8 | 20,788 | 19,707 | 1,081 | 5.2 |
| Colfax | 5,983 | 5,651 | 332 | 5.5 | 5,903 | 5,557 | 346 | 5.9 | 5,919 | 5,511 | 408 | 6.9 |
| Curry | 14,201 | 13,477 | 724 | 5.1 | 14,408 | 13,565 | 843 | 5.9 | 14,050 | 13,095 | 955 | 6.8 |
| De Baca | 1,025 | 951 | 74 | 7.2 | 1,033 | 997 | 36 | 3.5 | 1,036 | 986 | 50 | 4.8 |
| Eddy | 22,359 | 21,492 | 867 | 3.9 | 22,088 | 21,206 | 882 | 4.0 | 20,094 | 19,124 | 970 | 4.8 |
| Grant | 11,011 | 10,236 | 775 | 7.0 | 11,909 | 11,078 | 831 | 7.0 | 9,528 | 8,850 | 678 | 7.1 |
| Guadalupe | 1,479 | 1,369 | 110 | 7.4 | 1,498 | 1,383 | 115 | 7.7 | 1,600 | 1,411 | 189 | 11.8 |
| Harding | 582 | 573 | 9 | 1.5 | 588 | 576 | 12 | 2.0 | 557 | 508 | 49 | 8.8 |
| Hidalgo | 2,300 | 2,199 | 101 | 4.4 | 2,305 | 2,196 | 109 | 4.7 | 2,200 | 2,109 | 91 | 4.1 |
| Lea | 31,081 | 30,472 | 609 | 2.0 | 31,174 | 30,278 | 896 | 2.9 | 27,925 | 27,151 | 774 | 2.8 |
| Lincoln | 6,168 | 5,989 | 179 | 2.9 | 6,026 | 5,854 | 172 | 2.9 | 5,845 | 5,595 | 250 | 4.3 |
| Los Alamos | 10,430 | 10,275 | 155 | 1.5 | 10,386 | 10,162 | 224 | 2.2 | 9,865 | 9,517 | 348 | 3.5 |
| Luna | 4,778 | 4,415 | 363 | 7.6 | 4,862 | 4,491 | 371 | 7.6 | 4,999 | 4,492 | 507 | 10.1 |
| McKinley | 18,486 | 16,874 | 1,612 | 8.7 | 18,716 | 17,011 | 1,705 | 9.1 | 18,182 | 16,476 | 1,706 | 9.4 |
| Mora | 1,022 | 702 | 320 | 31.3 | 1,109 | 752 | 357 | 32.2 | 1,085 | 726 | 359 | 33.1 |
| Otero | 13,005 | 12,106 | 899 | 6.9 | 13,190 | 12,202 | 988 | 7.5 | 13,012 | 12,019 | 993 | 7.6 |
| Quay | 4,710 | 4,413 | 297 | 6.3 | 4,905 | 4,584 | 321 | 6.5 | 5,021 | 4,678 | 343 | 6.8 |
| Rio Arriba | 10,069 | 8,292 | 1,777 | 17.6 | 10,116 | 8,332 | 1,784 | 17.6 | 10,483 | 8,467 | 2,016 | 19.2 |
| Roosevelt | 7,353 | 7,145 | 208 | 2.8 | 7,741 | 7,531 | 210 | 2.7 | 7,222 | 6,981 | 241 | 3.3 |
| San Juan | 39,700 | 36,480 | 3,220 | 8.1 | 39,608 | 36,383 | 3,225 | 8.1 | 35,207 | 32,567 | 2,640 | 7.5 |
| San Miguel | 8,073 | 7,266 | 807 | 10.0 | 8,138 | 7,349 | 789 | 9.7 | 7,903 | 7,012 | 891 | 11.3 |
| Santa Fe | 35,552 | 33,466 | 2,086 | 5.9 | 35,686 | 33,540 | 2,146 | 6.0 | 34,788 | 32,437 | 2,351 | 6.8 |
| Sierra | 3,090 | 2,972 | 118 | 3.8 | 3,252 | 3,125 | 127 | 3.9 | 2,639 | 2,545 | 94 | 3.6 |
| Socorro | 4,498 | 4,142 | 356 | 7.9 | 4,582 | 4,226 | 356 | 7.8 | 4,252 | 3,964 | 288 | 6.8 |
| Taos | 9,936 | 8,553 | 1,383 | 13.9 | 9,604 | 8,269 | 1,335 | 13.9 | 8,961 | 7,678 | 1,283 | 14.3 |
| Torrance | 2,217 | 2,145 | 72 | 3.2 | 2,227 | 2,148 | 79 | 3.5 | 1,990 | 1,869 | 121 | 6.1 |
| Union | 2,178 | 2,101 | 77 | 3.5 | 2,195 | 2,111 | 84 | 3.8 | 2,066 | 1,994 | 72 | 3.5 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 24,412 | 22,165 | 2,247 | 9.2 | 25,065 | 22,619 | 2,446 | 9.8 | 26,626 | 24,105 | 2,521 | 9.5 |

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Estimates for Cibola County are not yet available.*

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# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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*1981 labor force estimates for all labor areas in New Mexico have been revised to incorporate annual average Current Population Survey information. Included on page 9 of this issue are revised monthly and annual average estimates for New Mexico and the Albuquerque SMSA. Revised 1981 county labor force data appears on page 10. The annually revised nonagricultural wage and salary employment data, by industry, will appear in next months issue of this newsletter.*

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According to preliminary estimates New Mexico's unemployment rate in January was 7.8 percent, up from 7.1 percent in December. Normal seasonal changes in the labor force accounted for much of the rise over the month in the jobless rate; however, total unemployment did increase somewhat more than usually expected. The total number of persons involuntarily without jobs in the state stood at 44,300 in January, virtually the same level as one year ago.

The U. S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.4 percent in January, up from 8.3 percent in December.

1981 annual average labor force figures for New Mexico showed total employment at 533,000, an increase of 5,000 persons from 1980. The number of jobless in 1981 was unchanged from 1980 at 42,000, while the unemployment rate retreated slightly from 7.5 to 7.3 percent. The jobless rate for the nation in 1981 was 7.6 percent, an increase of half a percentage point from the previous year's 7.1 percent rate.

In 1981, New Mexico areas with the lowest jobless rates were Harding, Los Alamos, DeBaca and Lea counties; Mora, Rio Arriba and Taos counties experienced the highest unemployment rates in the state.

JANUARY SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan 1982 | Dec 1981 | Jan 1981 | Dec 1981 | Jan 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 569,900 | 573,800 | 559,100 | -3,900 | +10,800 |
| Employment | 525,600 | 533,000 | 514,600 | -7,400 | +11,000 |
| Unemployment | 44,300 | 40,800 | 44,500 | +3,500 | - 200 |
| Rate *(Actual)* | 7.8 | 7.1 | 8.0 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *JAN Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN | DEC | JAN | DEC | JAN |
| | 1982 | 1981 | 1981 | 1981 | 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 461,200 | 470,800 | 456,700 | -9,600 | +4,500 |
| MINING | 29,800 | 30,500 | 30,700 | - 700 | - 900 |
| Metal Mining | 8,600 | 9,000 | 10,400 | - 400 | -1,800 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,500 | 0 | - 200 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 15,900 | 16,200 | 14,800 | - 300 | +1,100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 27,500 | 28,700 | 25,900 | -1,200 | +1,600 |
| MANUFACTURING | 31,200 | 31,900 | 33,600 | - 700 | -2,400 |
| Durable Goods | 18,900 | 19,200 | 20,200 | - 300 | -1,300 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,000 | 2,100 | 2,600 | - 100 | - 600 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,600 | 0 | - 300 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 0 | - 100 |
| Other Durable Goods | 9,900 | 10,100 | 10,200 | - 200 | - 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,300 | 12,700 | 13,400 | - 400 | -1,100 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 3,700 | 3,900 | 4,200 | - 200 | - 500 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,300 | 3,400 | 3,700 | - 100 | - 400 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,300 | 5,400 | 5,500 | - 100 | - 200 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 29,000 | 29,500 | 28,900 | - 500 | + 100 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2,900 | 2,900 | 3,100 | 0 | - 200 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,500 | 5,900 | 5,300 | - 400 | + 200 |
| Other Transportation | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,700 | 0 | + 100 |
| Communication | 7,400 | 7,500 | 7,600 | - 100 | - 200 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,400 | 9,400 | 9,200 | 0 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 106,700 | 110,800 | 101,300 | -4,100 | +5,400 |
| Wholesale Trade | 21,800 | 22,000 | 21,300 | - 200 | + 500 |
| Durable Goods | 13,100 | 13,100 | 12,900 | 0 | + 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 8,700 | 8,900 | 8,400 | - 200 | + 300 |
| Retail Trade | 84,900 | 88,800 | 80,000 | -3,900 | +4,900 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 11,500 | 13,000 | 10,600 | -1,500 | + 900 |
| Food Stores | 12,500 | 12,600 | 11,500 | - 100 | +1,000 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,300 | 11,500 | 12,100 | - 200 | - 800 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 28,800 | 29,400 | 25,500 | - 600 | +3,300 |
| Other Retail Trade | 20,800 | 22,300 | 20,300 | -1,500 | + 500 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 21,200 | 21,300 | 20,800 | - 100 | + 400 |
| Banking | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,100 | 0 | + 400 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 8,200 | 8,300 | 8,200 | - 100 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 90,100 | 91,100 | 90,300 | -1,000 | - 200 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 9,100 | 9,400 | 9,300 | - 300 | - 200 |
| Personal Services | 4,800 | 4,600 | 4,600 | + 200 | + 200 |
| Business Services | 18,900 | 19,700 | 18,600 | - 800 | + 300 |
| Health Services | 22,700 | 22,700 | 21,500 | 0 | +1,200 |
| Social Services | 6,600 | 6,800 | 10,200 | - 200 | -3,600 |
| Membership Organizations | 4,900 | 5,000 | 4,900 | - 100 | 0 |
| Other Services | 23,100 | 22,900 | 21,200 | + 200 | +1,900 |
| GOVERNMENT | 125,700 | 127,000 | 125,200 | -1,300 | + 500 |
| Federal | 28,600 | 28,600 | 28,900 | 0 | - 300 |
| State 2/ | 44,600 | 45,600 | 44,100 | -1,000 | + 500 |
| Local | 52,500 | 52,800 | 52,200 | - 300 | + 300 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

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*Labor force estimates for the year 1981 have been revised for the Albuquerque area as well as for all other areas of New Mexico. Revisions such as these are done each year so that estimates for the sum of all areas and for the state will conform, on an annual average basis, to the independently derived household survey findings. The revised monthly and annual average data for Albuquerque are shown on page 9 of this issue. The annually revised nonagricultural wage and salary employment data, by industry, will appear in next month's issue.*

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Preliminary January 1982 labor force estimates indicate that in the past month total employment declined by 3,100 persons, while the number of unemployed jobseekers rose by 900. The Albuquerque area unemployment rate increased from 7.1 percent in December to 7.6 percent in January. During this same period the U. S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) climbed from 8.3 percent to 9.4 percent, resulting in unemployment of 10.2 million persons.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased 3,900 from December to January. The greatest loss was in retail trade, down 1,700. This decline in employment is typical following the conclusion of the holiday shopping season. The job losses in the other private sector industries were also on the downside and within the range of normal changes for this period.

The comparison of January 1982 nonfarm employment with January 1981 figures indicates that only a small increase in jobs occurred. Construction employment is little changed from a year ago, while manufacturing and government declined. Largest employment gains from a year ago were in eating and drinking places, business services and health services. In summary, it appears that Albuquerque has not experienced the current recession nearly as much as reflected in U. S. totals. While some industries have suffered cutbacks here, perhaps the most significant result of the recession is the loss or delay of job growth anticipated and scheduled for 1981 by new and expanding manufacturers.

JANUARY SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan 1982 | Dec 1981 | Jan 1981 | Dec 1981 | Jan 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 208,000 | 210,200 | 209,100 | -2,200 | -1,100 |
| Employment | 192,100 | 195,200 | 192,100 | -3,100 | 0 |
| Unemployment | 15,900 | 15,000 | 17,000 | + 900 | -1,100 |
| Rate *(Actual)* | 7.6 | 7.1 | 8.1 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

# ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in Cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* JAN 1982 | *Revised* DEC 1981 | *Revised* JAN 1981 | *JAN Change From* DEC 1981 | JAN 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 185,100 | 189,000 | 183,500 | -3,900 | +1,600 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 10,700 | 11,500 | 10,500 | - 800 | + 200 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,400 | 16,800 | 17,800 | - 400 | -1,400 |
| Durable Goods | 11,100 | 11,300 | 12,200 | - 200 | -1,100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,300 | 5,500 | 5,600 | - 200 | - 300 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,600 | 11,900 | 11,800 | - 300 | - 200 |
| Transportation | 5,300 | 5,600 | 5,300 | - 300 | 0 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,300 | 0 | - 400 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,200 | 0 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 47,800 | 49,500 | 45,700 | -1,700 | +2,100 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,000 | 13,000 | 12,600 | 0 | + 400 |
| Durable Goods | 8,800 | 8,700 | 8,500 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,200 | 4,300 | 4,100 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Retail Trade | 34,800 | 36,500 | 33,100 | -1,700 | +1,700 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 4,400 | 5,100 | 4,200 | - 700 | + 200 |
| Food Stores | 4,100 | 4,300 | 4,100 | - 200 | 0 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,200 | 0 | - 200 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 12,600 | 12,800 | 11,000 | - 200 | +1,600 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,700 | 10,300 | 9,600 | - 600 | + 100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 10,900 | 11,000 | 10,900 | - 100 | 0 |
| Banking | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,900 | 0 | + 100 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,500 | 3,400 | - 100 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,600 | 0 | - 100 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 45,700 | 45,900 | 43,900 | - 200 | +1,800 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,800 | 2,900 | 2,700 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Health Services | 10,600 | 10,700 | 10,200 | - 100 | + 400 |
| Social Services | 2,500 | 2,600 | 2,500 | - 100 | 0 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,500 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,200 | 28,000 | 27,000 | + 200 | +1,200 |
| GOVERNMENT | 42,000 | 42,400 | 42,900 | - 400 | - 900 |
| Federal | 12,400 | 12,400 | 12,600 | 0 | - 200 |
| State | 11,700 | 12,000 | 11,900 | - 300 | - 200 |
| Local | 17,900 | 18,000 | 18,400 | - 100 | - 500 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded*

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* JAN 1982 | *Revised* DEC 1981 | *Revised* JAN 1981 | *JAN Change From* DEC 1981 | JAN 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 30,375 | 30,725 | 29,700 | -350 | +675 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,600 | 1,575 | 1,725 | + 25 | -125 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,550 | 2,550 | 2,475 | 0 | + 75 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,175 | - 25 | + 25 |
| Transportation | 550 | 550 | 525 | 0 | + 25 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 650 | 675 | 650 | - 25 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,650 | 5,800 | 5,275 | -150 | +375 |
| Wholesale Trade | 825 | 850 | 825 | - 25 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 4,825 | 4,950 | 4,450 | -125 | +375 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 775 | 875 | 600 | -100 | +175 |
| Food Stores | 625 | 625 | 575 | 0 | + 50 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 750 | 800 | 775 | - 50 | - 25 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,650 | 1,600 | 1,475 | + 50 | +175 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,025 | 1,050 | 1,025 | - 25 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,175 | 1,200 | 1,175 | - 25 | 0 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,150 | 4,200 | 4,100 | - 50 | + 50 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 650 | 600 | 0 | + 50 |
| Business Services | 650 | 725 | 750 | - 75 | -100 |
| Health Services | 675 | 700 | 625 | - 25 | + 50 |
| Social Services | 375 | 375 | 450 | 0 | - 75 |
| Other Services | 1,800 | 1,750 | 1,675 | + 50 | +125 |
| GOVERNMENT | 14,050 | 14,175 | 13,775 | -125 | +275 |
| Federal | 4,375 | 4,350 | 4,275 | + 25 | +100 |
| State | 5,300 | 5,425 | 5,300 | -125 | 0 |
| Local | 4,375 | 4,400 | 4,200 | - 25 | +175 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN 1982 | DEC 1981 | JAN 1981 | JAN 1982 | DEC 1981 | JAN 1981 | JAN 1982 | DEC 1981 | JAN 1981 |
| **NEW MEXICO** | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $438.26 | $452.84 | $420.85 | 42.1 | 43.5 | 44.3 | $10.41 | $10.41 | $9.50 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 367.10 | 396.30 | 305.72 | 35.4 | 37.6 | 34.9 | 10.37 | 10.54 | 8.76 |
| MANUFACTURING | 261.21 | 279.73 | 246.98 | 38.3 | 40.6 | 39.9 | 6.82 | 6.89 | 6.19 |
| Durable Goods | 284.63 | 307.22 | 270.52 | 37.8 | 40.8 | 41.3 | 7.53 | 7.53 | 6.55 |
| Nondurable Goods | 216.84 | 229.37 | 204.58 | 39.0 | 40.1 | 37.4 | 5.56 | 5.72 | 5.47 |
| COMM and UTIL | 369.33 | 363.32 | 346.11 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 41.7 | 9.03 | 8.34 | 8.30 |
| TRADE * | 234.59 | 227.91 | 233.57 | 34.6 | 35.5 | 34.5 | 6.78 | 6.42 | 6.77 |
| BANKING | 180.20 | 179.94 | 169.55 | 36.7 | 37.1 | 37.1 | 4.91 | 4.85 | 4.57 |
| **ALBUQUERQUE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $261.46 | $295.57 | $250.28 | 34.0 | 40.6 | 41.3 | $ 7.69 | $ 7.28 | $6.06 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

*ALBUQUERQUE AREA* - Santa Fe Railway laid off approximately 175 workers at its centralized shop facility in Albuquerque in mid-February. The Albuquerque layoff was part of work force reductions throughout the Santa Fe system. Presbyterian Hospital Center plans to seek construction bids this fall on its proposed $14 million, 120-bed hospital near the Osuna-San Mateo exit of I-25. The new hospital is expected to be completed in 1984.

Work has started on a 30,000 square foot, $1.2 million office building in the Uptown area by NZ Development Company and Omix Realties Incorporated. Bueno Foods Incorporated has purchased a 16 acre site in the South Barelas Industrial Park where the firm plans to construct a $2.7 million food processing plant beginning late this year. Although the semi-conductor industry remains in a slump, Signetics Corporation still plans to open its new manufacturing plant in mid-March with initial employment of less than 100. The city of Albuquerque has awarded a $947,000 contract to Kent Nowlin Construction Incorporated to install sewer lines in the South Valley. Ethicon Incorporated officials formally dedicated its new medical supplies manufacturing plant in February. The plant presently employs approximately 160 workers and the company plans to hire an additional 100 workers by the end of the year.

*ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA* - The White Sands shopping mall in Alamogordo is scheduled to open March 10th. The new mall, which will have a total of 20 stores including J. C. Penny and Beall's department stores, is being constructed around the existing K Mart department store in north Alamogordo. Silverton Construction Company of El Paso was low bidder of $1.3 million for high school and elementary school building improvements in Cloudcroft. The Defense Department has budgeted $6.4 million in fiscal 1983 for various construction projects at Holloman Air Force Base.

*ARTESIA / CARLSBAD AREA* - The City of Carlsbad is working to open a new industrial park by this spring and a local firm, H & E Electric, has announced plans to build a $300,000 facility in the park which would employ between 50 and 60 persons. International Minerals and Chemical Corporation officials have disclosed possible plans for a $10 million expansion of its potash mine near Carlsbad. Additional corporate approval is needed for the expansion which is being announced on the heels of the closure of National Potash Company's Carlsbad area mine due to a depressed potash market. Construction is expected to begin in March on a new Furrs Cafeteria in Carlsbad.

*BELEN/SOCORRO AREA* - Midwest Construction of Nebraska City, Nebraska has received the $1.2 million contract for work on the Middle Rio Grande Project conveyance channel near Socorro. Hacienda Home Centers, Incorporated has opened its fifth building supplies store in the state in Bosque Farms.

*CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA* - Levi Strauss Manufacturing Company has put its 250 workforce at the Clovis plant on a one week on, one week off schedule starting in late February due to a surplus in inventories. Santa Fe Railway laid off approximately 15 workers in Clovis as part of a system-wide cutback.

Rocky Mountain Ethanol Systems Incorporated is continuing with work on its 600,000 gallon capacity alcohol fuel plant near Clovis. The new plant should be complete in April and employ about eight workers full-time.

ESPANOLA AREA - Kyle Railways of San Diego, California has taken over the operations of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad which runs from Chama to Antonito, Colorado. The firm plans to run the summer tourist line seven days a week.

FARMINGTON AREA - The Aztec school board is planning a new $3.6 million building at the Aztec High School. Work could begin on the new classroom facility as early as this June. Olman Heath, a manufacturer of oilfield production equipment, is planning to expand its Farmington plant by 33,000 square feet, with completion scheduled for this Fall.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA - Anaconda Copper Company shipped the last load of uranium from the Jackpile mine to its Bluewater mill in mid-February as the firm prepares for the shutdown of the mill. Approximately 800 workers will be laid off at the end of March when the mill shutdown is complete.

Santa Fe Mining Company officials have disclosed that development work on the new Lee Ranch Coal Mine is expected to begin late this spring. Western Nuclear Corporation officials have announced a cutback in hours at its McKinley County uranium mine due to continuing deterioration of the uranium market. The cutback will affect approximately 90 employees.

Basin Motor Company of Farmington is planning to open a new Chevrolet dealership in Gallup employing approximately 60 persons. The State Highway Department is planning a $6.5 million highway project for I-40 near Milan.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - AMHOBBS, a division of Affiliated Mortgage and Development Company (AMDEC), is developing a $14 million subdivision in north Hobbs. The development, called College Meadows Subdivision, will consist of 240 single family lots and about 20 multi-family units.

W. A. Jourdan Construction of Hobbs was awarded the contract for a $450,000 office complex adjacent to Lea Regional Hospital. A Roswell developer, Hugh Hood, wants to construct a $5.5 million, 152 unit, luxury apartment complex in Hobbs. Work began in early February on the new 25,000 square foot Furrs Supermarket in Lovington.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Construction is underway on the new medium-security prison located west of Las Cruces. The prison is estimated to cost about $31.5 million and be completed by September 1983. The facility is expected to employ 275-300 persons full-time with a annual payroll of $5.7 million. Morrison-Knudson Company is the project construction coordinator and all work will be subcontracted. An independent franchise of Hilton Hotels Corporation is scheduled to be built near the Mesilla Valley Mall within the next 6 months. The new hotel will have 200 rooms and occupy approximately 10 acres. Care More Incorporated, a Tennessee based nursing home operator, is planning to construct and operate a new 110-bed nursing home in T or C. The 34,000 square foot facility should be complete in 1983 and employ approximately 70 persons.

LAS VEGAS AREA - The State Highway Department opened bids in late February on the estimated $4.1 million final stage of work on Interstate 25 north of Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - The U. S. Department of Energy has scrapped plans to build the proposed $133 million, 50 megawatt geothermal generating plant in the Jemez Mountains because a federal study found the plant economically unfeasible. Initial development work on the proposed Baca Geothermal Demonstration Plant began in 1978 and approximately $65 million, mostly federal money, had been spent on the project. Zia Company recently laid off about 40 persons due to decreased work orders from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The Banes Company of Albuquerque was awarded a $450,000 contract to build a laboratory facility at LANL.

*ROSWELL AREA* - A group of local investors headed by John C. Foster and Tommy J. Ansley have purchased a 90-acre piece of land in northeast Roswell with plans to develop the property into single family residences, townhouses and condominiums. Details of the project were not disclosed; however the expected cost is anticipated to be in the $5 million range. First City Financial Corporation has applied to the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas for authority to charter a national bank in Roswell.

*SANTA FE AREA* - The State Highway department opened construction bids in late February on several highway projects around the State, the largest being an estimated $8 million project on Interstate 25 south of Santa Fe. Universal Door and Window, a local manufacturer, is planning to build a new 15,000 square foot plant in the Santa Fe Industrial Park which would employ approximately 25 workers.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - Work on Chino Mine's $280 million concentrator project is now beginning to wind down as construction employment dropped from a high of 2,000 last November to approximately 1,200 in mid-February. Bechtel Corporation is the prime contractor for the project. Mesilla Valley Construction was awarded a $3.2 million contract to expand Silver City High School.

*TAOS AREA* - Taos City officials have announced plans to begin work this July on a $3.25 million water sewer line improvement project.

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January 1982 CPI-U - 282.5
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 282.1

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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# NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE SMSA
# 1981 CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
# BY MONTH AND ANNUAL AVERAGE

## NEW MEXICO

| 1981 | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 559,117 | 514,596 | 44,521 | 8.0 |
| February | 561,693 | 518,025 | 43,668 | 7.8 |
| March | 568,090 | 523,632 | 44,458 | 7.8 |
| April | 571,482 | 530,936 | 40,546 | 7.1 |
| May | 577,957 | 537,046 | 40,911 | 7.1 |
| June | 585,625 | 540,171 | 45,454 | 7.8 |
| July | 580,720 | 539,488 | 41,232 | 7.1 |
| August | 578,549 | 539,510 | 39,039 | 6.7 |
| September | 581,661 | 541,932 | 39,729 | 6.8 |
| October | 584,277 | 542,274 | 42,003 | 7.2 |
| November | 576,957 | 535,366 | 41,591 | 7.2 |
| December | 573,870 | 533,024 | 40,846 | 7.1 |
| Annual Average | 575,000 | 533,000 | 42,000 | 7.3 |

## ALBUQUERQUE SMSA

| 1981 | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 209,132 | 192,114 | 17,018 | 8.1 |
| February | 209,666 | 192,868 | 16,798 | 8.0 |
| March | 209,158 | 192,632 | 16,526 | 7.9 |
| April | 212,055 | 197,048 | 15,007 | 7.1 |
| May | 212,460 | 197,707 | 14,753 | 6.9 |
| June | 214,810 | 198,419 | 16,391 | 7.6 |
| July | 213,171 | 197,740 | 15,431 | 7.2 |
| August | 213,095 | 198,080 | 15,015 | 7.0 |
| September | 214,270 | 198,578 | 15,692 | 7.3 |
| October | 212,458 | 196,780 | 15,678 | 7.4 |
| November | 210,967 | 195,354 | 15,613 | 7.4 |
| December | 210,211 | 195,185 | 15,026 | 7.1 |
| Annual Average | 211,788 | 196,042 | 15,746 | 7.4 |

## NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY AREA

## 1981 ANNUAL AVERAGES 1/

| | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | EMPLOYMENT | UNEMPLOYMENT | RATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEW MEXICO | 575,000 | 533,000 | 42,000 | 7.3 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 211,788 | 196,042 | 15,746 | 7.4 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 35,386 | 32,626 | 2,760 | 7.8 |
| Catron | 931 | 813 | 118 | 12.7 |
| Chaves | 21,578 | 20,311 | 1,267 | 5.9 |
| Colfax | 6,470 | 6,092 | 378 | 5.8 |
| Curry | 14,466 | 13,601 | 865 | 6.0 |
| De Baca | 1,016 | 989 | 27 | 2.7 |
| Eddy | 22,847 | 21,809 | 1,038 | 4.5 |
| Grant | 11,132 | 10,357 | 775 | 7.0 |
| Guadalupe | 1,557 | 1,394 | 163 | 10.5 |
| Harding | 745 | 730 | 15 | 2.0 |
| Hidalgo | 2,426 | 2,317 | 109 | 4.5 |
| Lea | 31,773 | 30,860 | 913 | 2.9 |
| Lincoln | 6,591 | 6,387 | 204 | 3.1 |
| Los Alamos | 10,529 | 10,264 | 265 | 2.5 |
| Luna | 5,130 | 4,654 | 476 | 9.3 |
| McKinley | 19,288 | 17,330 | 1,958 | 10.2 |
| Mora | 1,102 | 756 | 346 | 31.4 |
| Otero | 13,480 | 12,477 | 1,003 | 7.4 |
| Quay | 4,989 | 4,681 | 308 | 6.2 |
| Rio Arriba | 10,646 | 8,699 | 1,947 | 18.3 |
| Roosevelt | 7,355 | 7,135 | 220 | 3.0 |
| San Juan | 40,132 | 36,894 | 3,238 | 8.1 |
| San Miguel | 8,335 | 7,454 | 881 | 10.6 |
| Santa Fe | 36,671 | 34,363 | 2,308 | 6.3 |
| Sierra | 3,138 | 3,019 | 119 | 3.8 |
| Socorro | 4,516 | 4,156 | 360 | 8.0 |
| Taos | 9,757 | 8,363 | 1,394 | 14.3 |
| Torrance | 2,271 | 2,203 | 68 | 3.0 |
| Union | 2,456 | 2,371 | 85 | 3.5 |
| Valencia | 26,501 | 23,854 | 2,647 | 10.0 |

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Includes Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

## OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED DECEMBER 1981 1/ | | | | REVISED JANUARY 1981 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 569,971 | 525,648 | 44,323 | 7.8 | 573,870 | 533,024 | 40,846 | 7.1 | 559,117 | 514,596 | 44,521 | 8.0 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 208,032 | 192,102 | 15,930 | 7.7 | 210,211 | 195,185 | 15,026 | 7.1 | 209,132 | 192,114 | 17,018 | 8.1 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 35,381 | 32,758 | 2,623 | 7.4 | 36,465 | 33,978 | 2,487 | 6.8 | 33,993 | 31,029 | 2,964 | 8.7 |
| Catron | 869 | 656 | 213 | 24.5 | 880 | 713 | 167 | 19.0 | 858 | 707 | 151 | 17.6 |
| Chaves | 21,419 | 20,399 | 1,020 | 4.8 | 21,638 | 20,508 | 1,130 | 5.2 | 20,727 | 19,689 | 1,038 | 5.0 |
| Colfax | 6,080 | 5,694 | 386 | 6.3 | 6,130 | 5,762 | 368 | 6.0 | 5,983 | 5,559 | 424 | 7.1 |
| Curry | 14,125 | 13,329 | 796 | 5.6 | 14,318 | 13,521 | 797 | 5.6 | 14,249 | 13,275 | 974 | 6.8 |
| De Baca | 951 | 917 | 34 | 3.6 | 1,048 | 967 | 81 | 7.7 | 940 | 910 | 30 | 3.2 |
| Eddy | 23,125 | 22,154 | 971 | 4.2 | 23,475 | 22,499 | 976 | 4.2 | 21,527 | 20,501 | 1,026 | 4.8 |
| Grant | 12,630 | 11,262 | 1,368 | 10.8 | 11,348 | 10,488 | 860 | 7.6 | 9,988 | 9,249 | 739 | 7.4 |
| Guadalupe | 1,468 | 1,315 | 153 | 10.4 | 1,506 | 1,385 | 121 | 8.0 | 1,430 | 1,230 | 200 | 14.0 |
| Harding | 624 | 593 | 31 | 5.0 | 663 | 655 | 8 | 1.2 | 619 | 604 | 15 | 2.4 |
| Hidalgo | 2,277 | 2,162 | 115 | 5.1 | 2,333 | 2,217 | 116 | 5.0 | 2,259 | 2,127 | 132 | 5.8 |
| Lea | 33,068 | 31,959 | 1,109 | 3.4 | 32,583 | 31,887 | 696 | 2.1 | 29,824 | 28,781 | 1,043 | 3.5 |
| Lincoln | 6,354 | 6,086 | 268 | 4.2 | 6,366 | 6,159 | 207 | 3.3 | 5,908 | 5,655 | 253 | 4.3 |
| Los Alamos | 10,653 | 10,369 | 284 | 2.7 | 10,394 | 10,225 | 169 | 1.6 | 10,333 | 10,110 | 223 | 2.2 |
| Luna | 4,899 | 4,438 | 461 | 9.4 | 4,935 | 4,527 | 408 | 8.3 | 4,839 | 4,284 | 555 | 11.5 |
| McKinley | 18,915 | 16,930 | 1,985 | 10.5 | 19,118 | 17,312 | 1,806 | 9.4 | 19,061 | 17,123 | 1,938 | 10.2 |
| Mora | 1,019 | 653 | 366 | 35.9 | 1,075 | 722 | 353 | 32.8 | 1,144 | 706 | 438 | 38.3 |
| Otero | 13,189 | 12,056 | 1,133 | 8.6 | 13,236 | 12,237 | 999 | 7.5 | 13,159 | 12,098 | 1,061 | 8.1 |
| Quay | 4,701 | 4,335 | 366 | 7.8 | 4,788 | 4,457 | 331 | 6.9 | 4,684 | 4,330 | 354 | 7.6 |
| Rio Arriba | 10,564 | 8,193 | 2,371 | 22.4 | 10,481 | 8,501 | 1,980 | 18.9 | 10,791 | 8,469 | 2,322 | 21.5 |
| Roosevelt | 7,162 | 6,855 | 307 | 4.3 | 7,318 | 7,089 | 229 | 3.1 | 7,239 | 6,981 | 258 | 3.6 |
| San Juan | 41,048 | 37,297 | 3,751 | 9.1 | 41,332 | 37,724 | 3,608 | 8.7 | 38,385 | 35,409 | 2,976 | 7.8 |
| San Miguel | 8,574 | 7,641 | 933 | 10.9 | 8,343 | 7,447 | 896 | 10.7 | 8,136 | 7,103 | 1,033 | 12.7 |
| Santa Fe | 35,923 | 33,461 | 2,462 | 6.9 | 35,963 | 33,654 | 2,309 | 6.4 | 35,885 | 33,283 | 2,602 | 7.3 |
| Sierra | 2,864 | 2,792 | 72 | 2.5 | 3,151 | 3,022 | 129 | 4.1 | 2,796 | 2,714 | 82 | 2.9 |
| Socorro | 4,316 | 3,933 | 383 | 8.9 | 4,597 | 4,206 | 391 | 8.5 | 4,272 | 3,957 | 315 | 7.4 |
| Taos | 10,212 | 8,580 | 1,632 | 16.0 | 10,295 | 8,759 | 1,536 | 14.9 | 10,059 | 8,540 | 1,519 | 15.1 |
| Torrance | 2,194 | 2,087 | 107 | 4.9 | 2,302 | 2,224 | 78 | 3.4 | 2,059 | 1,968 | 91 | 4.4 |
| Union | 2,216 | 2,114 | 102 | 4.6 | 2,276 | 2,190 | 86 | 3.8 | 2,256 | 2,181 | 75 | 3.3 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 25,119 | 22,528 | 2,591 | 10.3 | 25,302 | 22,804 | 2,498 | 9.9 | 26,582 | 23,910 | 2,672 | 10.1 |

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Estimates for Cibola County are not yet available.*

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# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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*Revised 1981 and 1980 nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates by industry for New Mexico, the Albuquerque area and the Las Cruces area are included in this issue.*

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According to preliminary labor force estimates, total employment in New Mexico remained relatively unchanged during February while the number of jobless declined by 1,600. The State's unemployment rate edged down from January's 7.8 percent to 7.5 percent in February. The U. S. unemployment rate in February was 9.6 percent, up from 9.4 percent in January.

Labor force figures for 1981 are now available for all states, and although New Mexico's unemployment situation compared favorably with much of the country, our state's 7.3 percent jobless rate was higher than any of our border states. Listed below are the 1981 unemployment rates for New Mexico and adjacent states.

| | |
|---|---|
| New Mexico | 7.3% |
| Arizona | 6.1% |
| Utah | 6.7% |
| Colorado | 5.5% |
| Oklahoma | 3.6% |
| Texas | 5.3% |

Revisions of 1981 and 1980 nonagricultural industry employment estimates have been completed and the new statewide figures are shown on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. Generally 1981 was a year of slow growth in New Mexico. Total nonfarm jobs grew by 9,900 or 2.1 percent in 1981, better than the one percent increase shown in 1980 but considerably short of the six and seven percent gains shown in 1977 and 1978. During the decade of the 1970s, New Mexico's nonfarm employment grew at a yearly average of 4.8 percent.

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FEBRUARY SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Feb 1982 | Jan 1982 | Feb 1981 | Jan 1982 | Feb 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 570,200 | 571,500 | 561,700 | -1,300 | +8,500 |
| Employment | 527,500 | 527,200 | 518,000 | + 300 | +9,500 |
| Unemployment | 42,700 | 44,300 | 43,700 | -1,600 | -1,000 |
| Rate *(Actual)* | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.8 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* FEB 1982 | *Revised* JAN 1982 | *Revised* FEB 1981 | FEB *Change From* JAN 1982 | FEB *Change From* FEB 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 471,700 | 470,900 | 467,100 | + 800 | +4,600 |
| MINING | 30,700 | 31,000 | 30,300 | - 300 | + 400 |
| Metal Mining | 8,700 | 8,900 | 9,900 | - 200 | -1,200 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,400 | 5,600 | 5,500 | - 200 | - 100 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,600 | 16,500 | 14,900 | + 100 | +1,700 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30,200 | 30,600 | 31,100 | - 400 | - 900 |
| MANUFACTURING | 33,000 | 33,200 | 33,600 | - 200 | - 600 |
| Durable Goods | 20,300 | 20,500 | 20,400 | - 200 | - 100 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,100 | 2,200 | 2,600 | - 100 | - 500 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,200 | + 100 | + 500 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,600 | 3,700 | 3,800 | - 100 | - 200 |
| Other Durable Goods | 10,900 | 11,000 | 10,800 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,700 | 12,700 | 13,200 | 0 | - 500 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 3,700 | 3,700 | 4,200 | 0 | - 500 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,600 | 0 | - 200 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,400 | 0 | + 200 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 28,900 | 28,800 | 28,800 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2,800 | 2,800 | 3,100 | 0 | - 300 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,400 | 0 | + 200 |
| Other Transportation | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 0 | 0 |
| Communication | 7,100 | 7,100 | 7,600 | 0 | - 500 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,700 | 9,600 | 9,000 | + 100 | + 700 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 106,700 | 108,000 | 101,600 | -1,300 | +5,100 |
| Wholesale Trade | 23,100 | 23,000 | 21,800 | + 100 | +1,300 |
| Durable Goods | 14,000 | 14,000 | 13,200 | 0 | + 800 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,100 | 9,000 | 8,600 | + 100 | + 500 |
| Retail Trade | 83,600 | 85,000 | 79,800 | -1,400 | +3,800 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10,600 | 11,200 | 10,100 | - 600 | + 500 |
| Food Stores | 12,200 | 12,200 | 12,000 | 0 | + 200 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,600 | 11,600 | 11,800 | 0 | - 200 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 28,600 | 28,800 | 26,000 | - 200 | +2,600 |
| Other Retail Trade | 20,600 | 21,200 | 19,900 | - 600 | + 700 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 21,700 | 21,700 | 21,000 | 0 | + 700 |
| Banking | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,200 | 0 | + 400 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 8,700 | 8,700 | 8,400 | 0 | + 300 |
| SERVICES | 93,400 | 92,800 | 92,600 | + 600 | + 800 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 9,700 | 9,700 | 9,200 | 0 | + 500 |
| Personal Services | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,700 | 0 | + 100 |
| Business Services | 19,900 | 19,800 | 20,100 | + 100 | - 200 |
| Health Services | 23,100 | 23,100 | 21,600 | 0 | +1,500 |
| Social Services | 6,400 | 6,300 | 10,000 | + 100 | -3,600 |
| Membership Organizations | 4,900 | 4,700 | 4,600 | + 200 | + 300 |
| Other Services | 24,600 | 24,400 | 22,400 | + 200 | +2,200 |
| GOVERNMENT | 127,100 | 124,800 | 128,100 | +2,300 | -1,000 |
| Federal | 28,100 | 28,100 | 29,400 | 0 | -1,300 |
| State 2/ | 45,800 | 44,100 | 45,800 | +1,700 | 0 |
| Local | 53,200 | 52,600 | 52,900 | + 600 | + 300 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

Included in this issue are the newly revised 1980 and 1981 monthly nonagricultural employment estimates by industry. The primary effects of these revisions are that durable goods manufacturing, eating and drinking places, and wholesale trade had significantly higher employment than shown in the original figures for late 1981.

Total employment declined by 100 in February in the Albuquerque Area to stand a scant 100 above a year ago. The February decrease in nonfarm jobs, also 100, can be compared with the average employment increase of 600 experienced in the four previous years. What was different this year was the unusually small seasonal increase in government.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for this February indicate that four major industry groups have had job losses from a year ago, while three major industries have increased since February 1981. The losses are in government, construction, manufacturing, and in the transportation and communications group. A gain of 1,800 occurred in wholesale and retail trade, mostly in eating and drinking places. An annual increase of 2,000 in services was concentrated in the health and business services sectors.

The number of persons unemployed (not seasonally adjusted) in the nation was 10,738,000 in February 1982, of whom 15,100 were in the Albuquerque Area. The U. S. unemployment rate was 9.6 in February compared with 7.3 percent here. The national unemployment rate for youth 16 to 19 years of age was 24.4 percent this month.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY [1/]

|  | *Prel* | *Revised* |  | *Change From* |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Feb 1982 | Jan 1982 | Feb 1981 | Jan 1982 | Feb 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 208,100 | 209,000 | 209,700 | -900 | -1,600 |
| Employment | 193,000 | 193,100 | 192,900 | -100 | + 100 |
| Unemployment | 15,100 | 15,900 | 16,800 | -800 | -1,700 |
| Rate *(Actual)* | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.0 |  |  |

[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *FEB Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FEB 1982 | JAN 1982 | FEB 1981 | JAN 1982 | FEB 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 186,600 | 186,700 | 185,800 | - 100 | + 800 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11,000 | 10,900 | 11,400 | + 100 | - 400 |
| MANUFACTURING | 17,000 | 17,100 | 17,400 | - 100 | - 400 |
| Durable Goods | 11,900 | 11,900 | 12,100 | 0 | - 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,100 | 5,200 | 5,300 | - 100 | - 200 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,500 | 11,500 | 11,900 | 0 | - 400 |
| Transportation | 5,300 | 5,400 | 5,400 | - 100 | - 100 |
| Communication | 3,800 | 3,800 | 4,300 | 0 | - 500 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,200 | + 100 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 48,000 | 48,500 | 46,200 | - 500 | +1,800 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,400 | 13,400 | 13,000 | 0 | + 400 |
| Durable Goods | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,600 | 0 | + 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 34,600 | 35,100 | 33,200 | - 500 | +1,400 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 4,000 | 4,200 | 4,000 | - 200 | 0 |
| Food Stores | 3,900 | 3,800 | 4,100 | + 100 | - 200 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,100 | 0 | + 100 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 13,000 | 13,100 | 11,700 | - 100 | +1,300 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,500 | 9,800 | 9,300 | - 300 | + 200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 10,800 | 10,900 | 10,700 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Banking | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,300 | 0 | + 100 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,600 | 4,700 | 4,600 | - 100 | 0 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 46,300 | 46,100 | 44,300 | + 200 | +2,000 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,500 | 0 | + 100 |
| Health Services | 11,000 | 11,100 | 10,200 | - 100 | + 800 |
| Social Services | 2,500 | 2,400 | 2,700 | + 100 | - 200 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,400 | 0 | + 200 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,600 | 28,400 | 27,500 | + 200 | +1,100 |
| GOVERNMENT | 42,000 | 41,700 | 43,900 | + 300 | -1,900 |
| Federal | 11,800 | 12,100 | 12,700 | - 300 | - 900 |
| State | 12,100 | 11,700 | 12,500 | + 400 | - 400 |
| Local | 18,100 | 17,900 | 18,700 | + 200 | - 600 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *FEB Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FEB 1982 | JAN 1982 | FEB 1981 | JAN 1982 | FEB 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 30,700 | 30,800 | 29,825 | -100 | +875 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,675 | 1,675 | 1,750 | 0 | - 75 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,600 | 2,625 | 2,525 | - 25 | + 75 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,225 | - 25 | - 25 |
| Transportation | 575 | 575 | 575 | 0 | 0 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 625 | 650 | 650 | - 25 | - 25 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,575 | 5,675 | 5,150 | -100 | +425 |
| Wholesale Trade | 925 | 925 | 900 | 0 | + 25 |
| Retail Trade | 4,650 | 4,750 | 4,250 | -100 | +400 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 725 | 775 | 600 | - 50 | +125 |
| Food Stores | 600 | 600 | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 725 | 750 | 725 | - 25 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,625 | 1,650 | 1,450 | - 25 | +175 |
| Other Retail Trade | 975 | 975 | 875 | 0 | +100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,150 | 0 | + 50 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,150 | 0 | + 50 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 675 | 675 | 650 | 0 | + 25 |
| Business Services | 700 | 700 | 700 | 0 | 0 |
| Health Services | 725 | 725 | 675 | 0 | + 50 |
| Social Services | 300 | 300 | 425 | 0 | -125 |
| Other Services | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,700 | 0 | +100 |
| GOVERNMENT | 14,250 | 14,200 | 13,875 | + 50 | +375 |
| Federal | 4,400 | 4,500 | 4,200 | -100 | +200 |
| State | 5,350 | 5,300 | 5,425 | + 50 | - 75 |
| Local | 4,500 | 4,400 | 4,250 | +100 | +250 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FEB 1982 | JAN 1982 | FEB 1981 | FEB 1982 | JAN 1982 | FEB 1981 | FEB 1982 | JAN 1982 | FEB 1981 |
| **NEW MEXICO** | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $441.76 | $441.19 | $425.60 | 42.6 | 42.3 | 44.8 | $10.37 | $10.43 | $9.50 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 366.46 | 362.27 | 355.22 | 36.5 | 34.8 | 36.1 | 10.04 | 10.41 | 9.84 |
| MANUFACTURING | 274.38 | 264.80 | 244.51 | 38.7 | 38.1 | 39.5 | 7.09 | 6.95 | 6.19 |
| Durable Goods | 296.03 | 287.65 | 266.98 | 38.9 | 38.2 | 41.2 | 7.61 | 7.53 | 6.48 |
| Nondurable Goods | 229.36 | 219.08 | 202.55 | 38.1 | 38.1 | 36.3 | 6.02 | 5.75 | 5.58 |
| COMM and UTIL | 370.96 | 370.15 | 337.01 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 40.8 | 9.07 | 9.05 | 8.26 |
| TRADE * | 227.75 | 235.25 | 233.22 | 34.3 | 34.8 | 34.5 | 6.64 | 6.76 | 6.76 |
| BANKING | 186.20 | 181.04 | 179.01 | 38.0 | 36.5 | 39.0 | 4.90 | 4.96 | 4.59 |
| **ALBUQUERQUE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $283.80 | $275.94 | $251.07 | 38.3 | 37.8 | 40.3 | $7.41 | $7.30 | $6.23 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

## NEW MEXICO ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT
### 1972 Standard Industrial Classification
### January 1981 - December 1981 - In Thousands - Revised March 1982

| INDUSTRY | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | ANNUAL AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 465.6 | 467.1 | 470.6 | 475.0 | 478.5 | 478.9 | 475.9 | 477.9 | 479.7 | 478.6 | 476.6 | 479.0 | 475.3 |
| MINING | 30.5 | 30.3 | 30.6 | 30.8 | 31.3 | 32.1 | 31.7 | 32.3 | 31.8 | 31.4 | 31.3 | 31.4 | 31.3 |
| Metal Mining | 10.2 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.6 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 14.9 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 15.8 | 16.2 | 16.6 | 16.8 | 17.0 | 16.7 | 16.4 | 16.4 | 16.6 | 16.1 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31.1 | 31.1 | 31.5 | 32.9 | 33.7 | 34.1 | 34.2 | 34.1 | 33.9 | 34.2 | 33.7 | 31.6 | 33.0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 33.8 | 33.6 | 33.7 | 33.7 | 34.2 | 34.5 | 34.4 | 34.7 | 34.2 | 34.6 | 33.8 | 33.8 | 34.1 |
| Durable Goods | 20.6 | 20.4 | 20.5 | 20.8 | 21.1 | 21.3 | 21.3 | 21.2 | 20.6 | 21.0 | 20.6 | 20.7 | 20.8 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Elec & Electronic Equipment | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Other Durable Goods | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Textile & Apparel | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 28.9 | 28.8 | 29.1 | 28.9 | 29.1 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 29.3 | 29.3 | 29.3 | 29.4 | 29.0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.7 |
| Other Transportation | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| Communication | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.4 |
| Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.4 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 102.7 | 101.6 | 102.7 | 103.8 | 106.0 | 107.2 | 107.7 | 108.6 | 108.9 | 108.5 | 109.5 | 111.7 | 106.6 |
| Wholesale Trade | 21.7 | 21.8 | 22.1 | 22.3 | 22.5 | 22.9 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 23.1 | 23.2 | 23.2 | 22.7 |
| Durable Goods | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.0 | 13.7 |
| Nondurable Goods | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.0 |
| Retail Trade | 81.0 | 79.8 | 80.6 | 81.5 | 83.5 | 84.3 | 84.7 | 85.6 | 85.9 | 85.4 | 86.3 | 88.5 | 83.9 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10.6 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.6 | 12.5 | 10.7 |
| Food Stores | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 12.0 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.9 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 26.2 | 26.0 | 26.6 | 27.5 | 28.3 | 28.9 | 29.0 | 29.4 | 29.6 | 29.3 | 29.3 | 29.5 | 28.3 |
| Other Retail Trade | 20.4 | 19.9 | 20.1 | 20.3 | 20.9 | 21.0 | 21.1 | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.3 | 21.6 | 22.4 | 21.0 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 21.0 | 21.0 | 21.1 | 21.5 | 21.6 | 21.9 | 22.0 | 21.9 | 21.7 | 21.5 | 21.6 | 21.7 | 21.5 |
| Banking | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.4 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| SERVICES | 92.3 | 92.6 | 94.1 | 95.3 | 94.6 | 96.8 | 97.2 | 96.9 | 94.0 | 92.9 | 91.6 | 92.8 | 94.3 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.7 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 10.1 |
| Personal Services | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Business Services | 19.8 | 20.1 | 20.1 | 20.2 | 20.1 | 20.2 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 20.3 | 20.7 | 20.3 | 20.7 | 20.3 |
| Health Services | 21.5 | 21.6 | 21.7 | 21.8 | 21.9 | 22.2 | 22.4 | 22.6 | 22.6 | 22.5 | 22.2 | 22.6 | 22.1 |
| Social Services | 10.2 | 10.0 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 9.7 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 8.9 |
| Membership Organizations | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Other Services | 22.3 | 22.4 | 22.6 | 22.7 | 23.3 | 23.9 | 23.8 | 23.8 | 23.3 | 23.2 | 23.1 | 23.7 | 23.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 125.3 | 128.1 | 127.8 | 128.1 | 128.0 | 123.7 | 120.1 | 120.8 | 125.9 | 126.2 | 125.8 | 126.6 | 125.5 |
| Federal | 29.2 | 29.4 | 29.4 | 29.8 | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.7 | 30.4 | 29.5 | 28.8 | 28.2 | 28.2 | 29.6 |
| State | 43.9 | 45.8 | 45.5 | 45.4 | 44.3 | 41.0 | 40.6 | 41.3 | 45.5 | 45.1 | 45.1 | 45.6 | 44.1 |
| Local | 52.2 | 52.9 | 52.9 | 52.9 | 53.1 | 52.1 | 48.8 | 49.1 | 50.9 | 52.3 | 52.5 | 52.8 | 51.9 |

## NEW MEXICO ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT
### 1972 Standard Industrial Classification
### January 1980 - December 1980 - In Thousands - Revised March 1982

| INDUSTRY | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | ANNUAL AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 454.5 | 458.7 | 463.5 | 462.9 | 467.1 | 465.6 | 464.7 | 467.5 | 469.5 | 469.5 | 468.8 | 472.0 | 465.4 |
| MINING | 28.7 | 29.0 | 29.2 | 29.0 | 29.9 | 30.0 | 29.7 | 29.2 | 29.7 | 29.4 | 29.5 | 29.8 | 29.4 |
| Metal Mining | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.2 | 10.9 | 11.1 | 11.0 | 10.4 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.7 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 12.2 | 12.5 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 13.4 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 13.4 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 30.5 | 30.7 | 31.4 | 30.4 | 30.6 | 31.8 | 32.6 | 33.2 | 33.0 | 34.4 | 33.4 | 33.0 | 32.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 34.6 | 34.6 | 34.7 | 34.5 | 34.4 | 34.4 | 33.4 | 34.0 | 34.6 | 34.6 | 34.4 | 34.2 | 34.4 |
| Durable Goods | 20.9 | 20.8 | 20.8 | 20.7 | 20.6 | 20.5 | 20.1 | 20.1 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.7 | 20.7 | 20.5 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Elec & Electronic Equipment | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Other Durable Goods | 10.4 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 10.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 13.7 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.8 | 13.9 | 13.3 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 13.7 | 13.5 | 13.8 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| Textile & Apparel | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 27.9 | 27.9 | 28.1 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 27.9 | 27.6 | 27.8 | 28.5 | 28.9 | 29.0 | 29.3 | 28.3 |
| Railroad Transportation | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| Other Transportation | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| Communication | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.5 |
| Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.8 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 102.1 | 100.8 | 101.1 | 101.8 | 103.0 | 103.7 | 103.8 | 105.0 | 104.5 | 103.8 | 104.3 | 106.6 | 103.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 20.9 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 21.3 | 21.2 | 21.3 | 21.4 | 21.8 | 21.7 | 21.9 | 21.4 |
| Durable Goods | 12.7 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 12.9 |
| Nondurable Goods | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.5 |
| Retail Trade | 81.2 | 79.7 | 79.9 | 80.7 | 81.8 | 82.4 | 82.6 | 83.7 | 83.1 | 82.0 | 82.6 | 84.7 | 82.0 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10.9 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 11.9 | 10.7 |
| Food Stores | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.2 | 11.6 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 12.8 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.6 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 25.3 | 25.0 | 25.4 | 26.0 | 26.8 | 27.0 | 26.9 | 27.8 | 27.7 | 26.9 | 26.7 | 26.9 | 26.5 |
| Other Retail Trade | 21.0 | 20.6 | 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.6 | 20.7 | 20.7 | 20.8 | 20.5 | 20.2 | 20.5 | 21.4 | 20.7 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 21.1 | 20.9 | 20.9 | 21.0 | 20.9 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 21.2 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 21.1 |
| Banking | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate | 8.7 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.6 |
| SERVICES | 88.8 | 90.0 | 91.1 | 90.6 | 91.7 | 94.0 | 96.6 | 95.1 | 92.0 | 90.5 | 89.8 | 91.2 | 91.8 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 9.7 |
| Personal Services | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Business Services | 18.6 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 18.5 | 18.2 | 18.9 | 19.3 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 18.8 | 18.9 | 19.6 | 18.9 |
| Health Services | 19.9 | 20.1 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.4 | 20.7 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 21.2 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 21.5 | 20.8 |
| Social Services | 9.9 | 10.1 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 12.0 | 10.9 | 10.2 | 9.5 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 10.3 |
| Membership Organizations | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| Other Services | 21.5 | 21.8 | 21.9 | 21.9 | 23.3 | 22.9 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.7 | 22.4 | 22.2 |
| GOVERNMENT | 120.8 | 124.8 | 127.0 | 127.3 | 128.3 | 122.7 | 119.8 | 122.0 | 126.1 | 126.7 | 127.3 | 126.7 | 125.0 |
| Federal | 28.9 | 29.3 | 29.4 | 31.2 | 31.9 | 32.2 | 30.9 | 30.7 | 29.6 | 29.5 | 29.6 | 29.4 | 30.2 |
| State | 40.1 | 42.7 | 44.0 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 38.1 | 40.6 | 41.3 | 44.7 | 45.3 | 45.5 | 44.7 | 42.7 |
| Local | 51.8 | 52.8 | 53.6 | 53.2 | 53.5 | 52.4 | 48.3 | 50.0 | 51.8 | 51.9 | 52.2 | 52.6 | 52.0 |

## ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
## ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT
## 1972 STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION
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| INDUSTRY | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | ANNUAL AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 185.4 | 185.8 | 187.2 | 189.1 | 189.7 | 189.7 | 188.7 | 190.0 | 191.0 | 190.2 | 189.4 | 190.0 | 188.9 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 12.0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.4 | 17.8 | 17.9 | 18.1 | 18.1 | 17.9 | 17.9 | 17.8 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.7 |
| Durable Goods | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11.8 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.8 |
| Transportation | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 |
| Communication | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 46.6 | 46.2 | 46.7 | 46.8 | 47.5 | 47.8 | 47.9 | 48.5 | 48.8 | 48.6 | 49.1 | 50.1 | 47.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.9 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 13.3 |
| Durable Goods | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Retail Trade | 33.7 | 33.2 | 33.7 | 33.7 | 34.3 | 34.5 | 34.5 | 35.0 | 35.4 | 35.2 | 35.7 | 36.6 | 34.6 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.1 |
| Food Stores | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 11.8 | 11.7 | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 12.6 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9.5 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 10.0 | 10.4 | 9.7 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
| Banking | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 44.3 | 44.3 | 44.6 | 45.4 | 45.6 | 46.0 | 46.1 | 46.0 | 46.0 | 46.1 | 45.7 | 45.9 | 45.5 |
| Hotel & Other Lodging Places | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Health Services | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 10.5 |
| Social Services | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Membership Organizations | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Other Services & Mining | 27.6 | 27.5 | 27.5 | 28.0 | 28.0 | 28.1 | 28.1 | 28.0 | 28.3 | 28.4 | 28.3 | 28.4 | 28.0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 43.0 | 43.9 | 44.1 | 44.2 | 43.4 | 42.5 | 41.2 | 42.2 | 43.2 | 42.9 | 42.4 | 42.1 | 42.9 |
| Federal | 12.6 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.1 | 12.7 |
| State | 12.0 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 11.3 | 13.3 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Local | 18.4 | 18.7 | 18.8 | 18.8 | 18.6 | 18.9 | 17.8 | 17.9 | 17.4 | 18.0 | 17.9 | 18.0 | 18.3 |

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| INDUSTRY | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | ANNUAL AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 184.8 | 186.1 | 187.6 | 186.2 | 187.2 | 184.8 | 186.0 | 188.2 | 187.8 | 187.6 | 188.2 | 188.9 | 186.9 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.4 | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 12.9 | 12.7 | 13.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 18.1 | 18.2 | 18.3 | 18.2 | 18.1 | 17.9 | 17.4 | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.3 | 17.8 | 17.7 | 17.9 |
| Durable Goods | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.8 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 11.6 |
| Transportation | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| Communication | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 46.7 | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.4 | 46.6 | 46.8 | 46.7 | 47.1 | 47.4 | 47.1 | 47.4 | 48.3 | 46.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.7 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.7 |
| Durable Goods | 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| Retail Trade | 34.0 | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.8 | 34.1 | 34.1 | 33.9 | 34.4 | 34.6 | 34.2 | 34.6 | 35.5 | 34.2 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 4.4 |
| Food Stores | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 10.9 | 10.8 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.0 | 11.6 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 9.7 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
| Banking | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 43.0 | 43.2 | 43.5 | 43.2 | 43.3 | 43.4 | 44.2 | 43.9 | 44.1 | 43.9 | 43.8 | 44.3 | 43.6 |
| Hotel & Other Lodging Places | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Health Services | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 9.8 |
| Social Services | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Membership Organizations | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Other Services & Mining | 26.9 | 27.0 | 27.1 | 26.9 | 26.7 | 26.7 | 26.7 | 26.7 | 27.1 | 27.1 | 27.1 | 27.5 | 27.0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 41.1 | 42.8 | 43.9 | 43.5 | 44.5 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 43.9 | 42.8 | 43.2 | 43.6 | 43.0 | 43.0 |
| Federal | 12.4 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.9 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 13.2 | 12.9 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.8 |
| State | 10.5 | 11.2 | 12.1 | 11.4 | 12.0 | 8.6 | 10.6 | 11.3 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 11.7 | 11.4 |
| Local | 18.2 | 18.9 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 19.5 | 18.3 | 19.7 | 18.0 | 18.5 | 18.6 | 18.8 | 18.8 |

## LAS CRUCES SMSA (DONA ANA COUNTY)
## ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT
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| INDUSTRY | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | ANNUAL AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 29,550 | 29,825 | 29,975 | 30,200 | 30,400 | 29,400 | 28,575 | 28,475 | 29,925 | 30,900 | 30,575 | 31,000 | 29,900 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,725 | 1,750 | 1,675 | 1,725 | 1,900 | 1,800 | 1,775 | 1,750 | 1,725 | 1,725 | 1,675 | 1,700 | 1,750 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,575 | 2,525 | 2,575 | 2,550 | 2,550 | 2,550 | 2,525 | 2,750 | 2,875 | 2,975 | 2,675 | 2,625 | 2,650 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,200 | 1,050 | 1,100 | 1,075 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,175 |
| Transportation | 575 | 575 | 575 | 575 | 550 | 400 | 450 | 425 | 550 | 550 | 575 | 575 | 525 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services | 625 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,175 | 5,150 | 5,200 | 5,350 | 5,450 | 5,475 | 5,525 | 5,550 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,700 | 5,800 | 5,475 |
| Wholesale Trade | 925 | 900 | 875 | 900 | 925 | 950 | 975 | 950 | 925 | 925 | 950 | 950 | 925 |
| Retail Trade | 4,250 | 4,250 | 4,325 | 4,450 | 4,525 | 4,525 | 4,550 | 4,600 | 4,675 | 4,675 | 4,750 | 4,850 | 4,550 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 600 | 600 | 600 | 625 | 650 | 675 | 725 | 775 | 750 | 750 | 775 | 900 | 700 |
| Food Stores | 575 | 600 | 600 | 575 | 575 | 575 | 550 | 575 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 725 | 725 | 750 | 725 | 725 | 725 | 725 | 725 | 725 | 750 | 725 | 750 | 725 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,425 | 1,450 | 1,475 | 1,625 | 1,650 | 1,625 | 1,625 | 1,575 | 1,625 | 1,625 | 1,675 | 1,600 | 1,575 |
| Other Retail Trade | 925 | 875 | 900 | 900 | 925 | 925 | 925 | 950 | 975 | 950 | 975 | 1,000 | 950 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,175 | 1,150 | 1,175 | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,275 | 1,275 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,225 | 1,225 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,125 | 4,150 | 4,200 | 4,300 | 4,000 | 4,025 | 3,950 | 3,975 | 3,950 | 4,225 | 4,225 | 4,225 | 4,100 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 650 | 625 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 625 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 675 | 650 |
| Business Services | 675 | 700 | 700 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 725 | 725 | 725 | 725 | 725 | 725 |
| Health Services | 675 | 675 | 675 | 675 | 675 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 725 | 725 | 700 |
| Social Services | 425 | 425 | 425 | 425 | 375 | 375 | 375 | 375 | 325 | 325 | 325 | 325 | 375 |
| Other Services | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,775 | 1,800 | 1,550 | 1,550 | 1,500 | 1,525 | 1,550 | 1,825 | 1,800 | 1,775 | 1,650 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 13,575 | 13,875 | 13,925 | 13,850 | 14,075 | 13,225 | 12,425 | 12,125 | 13,325 | 13,925 | 13,825 | 14,200 | 13,525 |
| Total Federal Government | 4,075 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,125 | 4,425 | 4,275 | 4,325 | 4,250 | 4,250 | 4,300 | 4,075 | 4,375 | 4,250 |
| Total State Government | 5,300 | 5,425 | 5,450 | 5,425 | 5,350 | 4,675 | 4,275 | 4,200 | 4,900 | 5,375 | 5,450 | 5,425 | 5,100 |
| Total Local Government | 4,200 | 4,250 | 4,275 | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,275 | 3,825 | 3,675 | 4,175 | 4,250 | 4,300 | 4,400 | 4,175 |

## LAS CRUCES SMSA (DONA ANA COUNTY)
## ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT
1972 Standard Industrial Classification
January 1980--December 1980--In Thousands--Revised March 1982

| INDUSTRY | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | ANNUAL AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 29,575 | 29,650 | 29,700 | 30,050 | 29,800 | 29,025 | 28,325 | 28,300 | 29,350 | 30,250 | 30,225 | 30,425 | 29,550 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,825 | 1,625 | 1,650 | 1,750 | 1,925 | 1,950 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,875 | 2,000 | 1,825 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,675 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,625 | 2,575 | 2,550 | 2,625 | 2,775 | 2,850 | 2,875 | 2,625 | 2,600 | 2,675 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,150 | 1,075 | 1,000 | 1,025 | 1,125 | 1,175 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,150 |
| Transportation | 575 | 575 | 575 | 575 | 525 | 425 | 400 | 425 | 525 | 550 | 575 | 600 | 525 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services | 625 | 625 | 625 | 650 | 625 | 650 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 625 | 625 | 600 | 625 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,350 | 5,275 | 5,300 | 5,375 | 5,375 | 5,300 | 5,225 | 5,275 | 5,325 | 5,325 | 5,325 | 5,450 | 5,325 |
| Wholesale Trade | 800 | 775 | 800 | 825 | 825 | 825 | 800 | 825 | 825 | 875 | 875 | 900 | 825 |
| Retail Trade | 4,550 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,550 | 4,550 | 4,475 | 4,425 | 4,450 | 4,500 | 4,450 | 4,450 | 4,550 | 4,500 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 600 | 600 | 575 | 600 | 600 | 575 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 575 | 575 | 650 | 600 |
| Food Stores | 600 | 600 | 575 | 600 | 575 | 575 | 550 | 550 | 600 | 575 | 575 | 600 | 575 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 800 | 800 | 800 | 775 | 775 | 775 | 775 | 750 | 750 | 775 | 800 | 775 | 775 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,500 | 1,475 | 1,500 | 1,525 | 1,550 | 1,525 | 1,500 | 1,525 | 1,575 | 1,550 | 1,550 | 1,550 | 1,525 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,050 | 1,025 | 1,050 | 1,050 | 1,050 | 1,025 | 1,000 | 1,025 | 975 | 975 | 950 | 975 | 1,025 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,125 | 1,150 | 1,100 | 1,150 | 1,175 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,225 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,175 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,075 | 4,125 | 4,125 | 4,150 | 3,925 | 3,800 | 3,975 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 4,175 | 4,200 | 4,125 | 4,025 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 650 | 650 | 675 | 700 | 650 | 625 | 650 | 600 | 650 | 675 | 625 | 650 |
| Business Services | 700 | 675 | 675 | 650 | 625 | 675 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 675 | 700 | 700 | 675 |
| Health Services | 625 | 625 | 625 | 625 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | 675 | 675 | 675 | 650 |
| Social Services | 500 | 550 | 525 | 525 | 550 | 475 | 675 | 500 | 475 | 450 | 425 | 375 | 500 |
| Other Services | 1,600 | 1,625 | 1,650 | 1,675 | 1,400 | 1,350 | 1,375 | 1,350 | 1,425 | 1,725 | 1,725 | 1,750 | 1,550 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 13,350 | 13,500 | 13,550 | 13,900 | 13,950 | 13,350 | 12,375 | 12,250 | 13,150 | 13,600 | 13,800 | 13,850 | 13,375 |
| Total Federal Government | 4,175 | 4,175 | 4,175 | 4,450 | 4,525 | 4,600 | 4,400 | 4,300 | 4,250 | 4,200 | 4,250 | 4,225 | 4,300 |
| Total State Government | 5,125 | 5,250 | 5,275 | 5,300 | 5,225 | 4,575 | 4,325 | 4,275 | 5,000 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,050 |
| Total Local Government | 4,050 | 4,075 | 4,100 | 4,150 | 4,200 | 4,175 | 3,650 | 3,675 | 3,900 | 4,000 | 4,150 | 4,225 | 4,025 |

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

*ALBUQUERQUE AREA* - Sperry Flight Systems will more than double the size of its new 110,000 square foot manufacturing plant. Sperry, which works on defense-related projects such as the B-1 bomber and the F-15 jet fighter, is planning to expand employment by between 800 and 1,000 by spring of 1983. Sperry currently employs 400 workers at its two Albuquerque plants, one at 2421 Aztec Court N.E. and the new facility at 2421 Aztec N.E. off I-25 North.

Construction on the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel at I-40 and Louisiana N.E. is ahead of schedule and the facility should open the first week in July. The $22 million, 414 room facility will employ approximately 400 persons. A. S. Horner Company has begun work on a $5.9 million bridge over the Rio Grande at Central Avenue. Presbyterian Hospital opened its new $22 million, 227,000 square foot addition which had been under construction since the summer of 1979. The First New Mexico Bankshare Corporation is investigating the possibility of constructing a 10 to 12 story office building in the downtown area. The new building would be located on the corner of Fourth Street and Roma N.W.

*ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA* - Petroplex Home Sales of Odessa, Texas has purchased the Carrizo Lodge and surrounding property in Carrizozo with plans to construct several hundred condominiums on the site. Ruidoso Downs Race Track's 1982 horse racing schedule will begin May 8. Ruidoso Downs is currently undergoing extensive remodeling and the track is expected to have seating capacity in excess of 5,000 this season. Work is scheduled to begin in May on Ruidoso's new $600,000 police and court facility.

*ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA* - Work on the $1 billion Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad is continuing. The proposed FY 1983 federal budget includes $110.8 million for WIPP and approximately the same amount is being proposed for FY 1984. Approximately 100 workers are employed at the WIPP site presently; however, employment could range between 300 and 500 by the spring of 1983 according to project officials. Furrs Incorporated is planning a new 34,000 square foot grocery store in Artesia and construction is scheduled to begin this summer on the facility.

*BELEN/SOCORRO AREA* - Cibola Energy Corporation, an Albuquerque based oil and gas exploration firm, plans to begin exploration on approximately 40,000 acres southeast of Belen. Cibola recently acquired mineral rights to the land and the company plans to begin seismic surveys by the end of this year. A new 48,000 square foot Bag and Save warehouse-type grocery store opened in Los Lunas in March.

*CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA* - A new Hacienda Home Center (building materials and hardware) has opened in Clovis. Enserch Exploration Company has canceled plans to build a natural gas processing plant near Elida because the firm's Peterson field gas wells failed to reach anticipated production levels.

*FARMINGTON AREA* - Burnett Construction Company of Durango, Colorado was low bidder on a $2.9 million highway construction project on N.M. 371 south of Farmington. Creamland Dairies is closing its Farmington processing plant but the company will still operate its sales and distribution center. Jaynes Corporation was awarded a $761,000 contract to construct a new city complex in Bloomfield.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - The Navajo tribe laid off 64 persons at its Forest Products Industries in western McKinley County due to the continuing slump in home construction. Approximately 200 of the remaining 250 workers were put on reduced hours. Carbon Coal Company is planning to begin construction this summer on their proposed new coal mine near Gallup. The new mine could go into production late this year with a workforce of approximately 50 persons.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Work has begun on the new $4 million Lea County criminal detention center in Lovington. A new $700,000, 40 room motel is under construction in Hobbs. The new facility, named Motel K, is being built by a San Diego land developer. The Hobbs School System is planning a $1 million expansion project at Heizer Junior High School.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Work has begun on a $3 million bank office project for Western Bank in Las Cruces. Construction is scheduled to begin in September or October on the 200 room, $13 million Hilton Inn to be built at Telshor and Lohman in Las Cruces. A new 43,800 square foot Smith Food and Drug Center, employing 78 persons, opened in Las Cruces in early March.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Luna Vocational Technical Institute is being allocated $2.1 million from Senate Bill 1, passed by the recent New Mexico Legislature, to construct a new Learning Resource Center. Work on the new facility is expected to begin late this year.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - The Department of Energy has awarded a $682,000 contract to Eidson Metal Products Incorporated of Albuquerque for construction of a water storage facility at Los Alamos.

RATON AREA - Morgan Building Corporation's manufacturing plant in Raton is now employing 32 persons constructing more than 2,500 buildings per year. The Morgan plant has been in operation in Raton since 1975. A new Ben Franklin variety store has opened in Raton.

ROSWELL AREA - Levi Strauss and Company closed its Roswell plant for one week in early March. Approximately 500 workers were affected by the closure. Western Company of North America is opening an oilfield service facility at the Roswell Industrial Air Center. Western currently operates a branch office in Artesia and combined employment at both facilities is expected to total about 200. The First National Bank of Roswell is planning to build a 12 story, 12.5 million office building in downtown Roswell. Halliburton Services Company is locating an oilfield service facility in Roswell which should employ about 150 persons when in full operation.

SANTA FE AREA - The Downs at Santa Fe has begun a $750,000 improvement project which should be complete in time for the May 7th opening of its 1982 season. Nielsons Incorporated of Cortez, Colorado has received the contract for construction of a $10.8 million sewage treatment plant for Santa Fe. The State Game and Fish Department is planning a $2.6 million renovation project at the Lisboa Springs fish hatchery near Pecos. Work is expected to begin on the project late this summer. The State Highway Department is scheduled to lay off approximately 100 administrative employees effective July 1st because of funding cutbacks.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - Chino Mines Company has announced the indefinite shutdown of its copper mine and mill to take place over a three month period beginning March 28th. Approximately 600 workers will be laid off the end of March, and most of the remainder of their workforce will be laid off by or before June 1st.

Frank Tatsch Construction was the low bidder of $10.9 million for construction of the new Grant County Hospital in Silver City. Boliden Minerals, Incorporated of Canada has entered into an agreement with Exxon Minerals to develop the Pinos Altos copper/zinc/silver deposit near Silver City. The scope of the work Boliden has planned was not disclosed.

*TUCUMCARI AREA* - Work has begun on the $12.5 million ethanol plant being built by Grain Power Incorporated. The plant is expected to be completed in one year and employ about 20 persons when in operation.

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U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

February 1982 CPI-U - 283.4
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 282.9

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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All major industries except manufacturing experienced job growth in 1981. Manufacturing lost 300 jobs during the year, mostly in food products, textiles and transportation equipment. The major industry which grew the fastest in 1981 was mining, with a gain of 1,900 or 6.5 percent; however, diverse trends were evident within the industry. The oil and gas extraction sector continued to expand significantly during the year while the metal sector experienced job losses, mainly in uranium and copper mining.

Trade grew by 3,400 jobs during 1981, the most jobs added by any industry. Most of the trade increase was in eating and drinking places, food stores and wholesale durable goods. The only job losses in trade were auto dealers and service stations, with a combined decrease of 700 jobs during the year.

# OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED JANUARY 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED FEBRUARY 1981 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 570,151 | 527,476 | 42,675 | 7.5 | 571,480 | 527,210 | 44,270 | 7.7 | 561,693 | 518,025 | 43,668 | 7.8 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 208,179 | 193,045 | 15,134 | 7.3 | 209,047 | 193,126 | 15,921 | 7.6 | 209,666 | 192,868 | 16,798 | 8.0 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 36,082 | 33,471 | 2,611 | 7.2 | 35,420 | 32,807 | 2,613 | 7.4 | 34,570 | 31,843 | 2,727 | 7.9 |
| Catron | 900 | 681 | 219 | 24.3 | 874 | 658 | 216 | 24.7 | 839 | 712 | 127 | 15.1 |
| Chaves | 21,484 | 20,559 | 925 | 4.3 | 21,464 | 20,443 | 1,021 | 4.8 | 20,872 | 19,790 | 1,082 | 5.2 |
| Colfax | 6,057 | 5,667 | 390 | 6.4 | 6.096 | 5,706 | 390 | 6.4 | 6,018 | 5,522 | 496 | 8.2 |
| Curry | 14,112 | 13,309 | 803 | 5.7 | 14,146 | 13,358 | 788 | 5.6 | 14,216 | 13,257 | 959 | 6.7 |
| De Baca | 941 | 908 | 33 | 3.5 | 953 | 919 | 34 | 3.6 | 913 | 905 | 8 | 0.9 |
| Eddy | 22,868 | 21,810 | 1,058 | 4.6 | 23,162 | 22,202 | 960 | 4.1 | 21,500 | 20,453 | 1,047 | 4.9 |
| Grant | 11,988 | 10,628 | 1,360 | 11.3 | 12,485 | 11,121 | 1,364 | 10.9 | 10,184 | 9,518 | 666 | 6.5 |
| Guadalupe | 1,442 | 1,304 | 138 | 9.6 | 1,450 | 1,318 | 132 | 9.1 | 1,484 | 1,265 | 219 | 14.8 |
| Harding | 610 | 599 | 11 | 1.8 | 620 | 594 | 26 | 4.2 | 644 | 631 | 13 | 2.0 |
| Hidalgo | 2,332 | 2,208 | 124 | 5.3 | 2,284 | 2,167 | 117 | 5.1 | 2,290 | 2,208 | 82 | 3.6 |
| Lea | 33,137 | 32,245 | 892 | 2.7 | 33,123 | 32,027 | 1,096 | 3.3 | 29,843 | 29,046 | 797 | 2.7 |
| Lincoln | 6,217 | 6,031 | 186 | 3.0 | 6,364 | 6,099 | 265 | 4.2 | 5,830 | 5,593 | 237 | 4.1 |
| Los Alamos | 10,587 | 10,407 | 180 | 1.7 | 10,672 | 10,391 | 281 | 2.6 | 10,381 | 10,115 | 266 | 2.6 |
| Luna | 4,840 | 4,363 | 477 | 9.9 | 4,917 | 4,448 | 469 | 9.5 | 4,822 | 4,249 | 573 | 11.9 |
| McKinley | 18,969 | 16,967 | 2,002 | 10.6 | 18,966 | 16,972 | 1,994 | 10.5 | 19,083 | 17,172 | 1,911 | 10.0 |
| Mora | 1,062 | 680 | 382 | 36.0 | 1,017 | 655 | 362 | 35.6 | 1,111 | 703 | 408 | 36.7 |
| Otero | 13,145 | 12,098 | 1,047 | 8.0 | 13,214 | 12,082 | 1,132 | 8.6 | 13,176 | 12,080 | 1,096 | 8.3 |
| Quay | 4,709 | 4,370 | 339 | 7.2 | 4,714 | 4,344 | 370 | 7.8 | 4,768 | 4,364 | 404 | 8.5 |
| Rio Arriba | 10,970 | 8,474 | 2,496 | 22.8 | 10,597 | 8,211 | 2,386 | 22.5 | 10,815 | 8,457 | 2,358 | 21.8 |
| Roosevelt | 7,176 | 6,910 | 266 | 3.7 | 7,172 | 6,870 | 302 | 4.2 | 7,312 | 7,082 | 230 | 3.1 |
| San Juan | 40,704 | 37,225 | 3,479 | 8.5 | 41,106 | 37,377 | 3,729 | 9.1 | 38,431 | 35,662 | 2,769 | 7.2 |
| San Miguel | 8,929 | 7,984 | 945 | 10.6 | 8,587 | 7,658 | 929 | 10.8 | 8,687 | 7,640 | 1,047 | 12.1 |
| Santa Fe | 36,013 | 33,625 | 2,388 | 6.6 | 35,992 | 33,533 | 2,459 | 6.8 | 35,983 | 33,456 | 2,527 | 7.0 |
| Sierra | 2,943 | 2,847 | 96 | 3.3 | 2,871 | 2,798 | 73 | 2.5 | 2,909 | 2,822 | 87 | 3.0 |
| Socorro | 4,505 | 4,135 | 370 | 8.2 | 4,321 | 3,941 | 380 | 8.8 | 4,572 | 4,210 | 362 | 7.9 |
| Taos | 10,164 | 8,593 | 1,571 | 15.5 | 10,259 | 8,598 | 1,661 | 16.2 | 9,829 | 8,271 | 1,558 | 15.9 |
| Torrance | 2,148 | 2,035 | 113 | 5.3 | 2,198 | 2,091 | 107 | 4.9 | 2,057 | 1,967 | 90 | 4.4 |
| Union | 2,185 | 2,075 | 110 | 5.0 | 2,220 | 2,119 | 101 | 4.5 | 2,312 | 2,239 | 73 | 3.2 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 24,753 | 22,223 | 2,530 | 10.2 | 25,169 | 22,577 | 2,592 | 10.3 | 26,576 | 23,925 | 2,651 | 10.0 |

*1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

*2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

*3/ Dona Ana County.*

*4/ Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.*

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# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation worsened during March according to preliminary labor force data. The number of persons unemployed grew by 1,200 during the month to a total of 44,200 and the state's unemployment rate edged up by two tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent. Normally the jobless rate can be expected to decrease somewhat between February and March. Indications are that this may be the beginning of an upward trend in New Mexico's unemployment rate as recessionary pressures begin to take their toll on the state's economy. Up to March, the state's unemployment rate had been remarkably stable in comparison to the nationwide jobless indicator which has jumped over two percentage points over the last six months. The U. S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.5 percent this March.

Nonfarm payroll jobs in New Mexico totaled 472,700 in March, up by 1,500 from February. All major industries except mining and transportation added jobs during the month; however the gains, in most cases, were less than normally expected. Health services, eating and drinking places, other retail and construction accounted for virtually all of the monthly increase. The two major industry job losses over the month were caused by systemwide Santa Fe Railway layoffs in transportation and copper industry layoffs in metal mining. Metal mining employment is expected to fall substantially over the next several months as recent large layoffs by Kennecott and Phelps Dodge in the Silver City area and the shutdown of the Anaconda uranium mine and mill near Grants show up in the employment estimates.

Over the last 12 months individual industry sectors adding the most jobs were eating & drinking places, oil & gas extraction, health services and other services. The other services sector is comprised of industries such as auto repairs, amusements & recreation and legal, educational and accounting services.

Large job losers since March 1981 were social services, metal mining and federal government. All three sectors declined by 1,000 or more jobs.

MARCH SUMMARY [1/]

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar 1982 | Feb 1982 | Mar 1981 | Feb 1982 | Mar 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 572,500 | 570,000 | 568,100 | +2,500 | +4,400 |
| Employment | 528,300 | 527,000 | 523,600 | +1,300 | +4,700 |
| Unemployment | 44,200 | 43,000 | 44,500 | +1,200 | - 300 |
| Rate (*Actual*) | 7.7 | 7.5 | 7.8 | | |

[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *MAR* | *Change From* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR 1982 | FEB 1982 | MAR 1981 | FEB 1982 | MAR 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 472,700 | 471,200 | 470,600 | +1,500 | +2,100 |
| MINING | 30,600 | 30,700 | 30,600 | - 100 | 0 |
| Metal Mining | 8,400 | 8,600 | 9,800 | - 200 | -1,400 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,500 | 0 | - 200 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,900 | 16,800 | 15,300 | + 100 | +1,600 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 31,000 | 30,500 | 31,500 | + 500 | - 500 |
| MANUFACTURING | 33,200 | 33,200 | 33,700 | 0 | - 500 |
| Durable Goods | 20,400 | 20,300 | 20,500 | + 100 | - 100 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,000 | 1,900 | 2,600 | + 100 | - 600 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,300 | 0 | + 400 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,700 | 3,800 | 3,800 | - 100 | - 100 |
| Other Durable Goods | 11,000 | 10,900 | 10,800 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,800 | 12,900 | 13,200 | - 100 | - 400 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 3,800 | 3,800 | 4,100 | 0 | - 300 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,600 | 0 | - 200 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,600 | 5,700 | 5,500 | - 100 | + 100 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 28,800 | 29,100 | 29,100 | - 300 | - 300 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2,400 | 2,800 | 3,100 | - 400 | - 700 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,500 | 0 | + 200 |
| Other Transportation | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 0 | 0 |
| Communication | 7,400 | 7,300 | 7,700 | + 100 | - 300 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,100 | 0 | + 500 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 106,500 | 106,000 | 102,700 | + 500 | +3,800 |
| Wholesale Trade | 22,900 | 22,900 | 22,100 | 0 | + 800 |
| Durable Goods | 13,900 | 13,900 | 13,400 | 0 | + 500 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,700 | 0 | + 300 |
| Retail Trade | 83,600 | 83,100 | 80,600 | + 500 | +3,000 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10,400 | 10,500 | 10,000 | - 100 | + 400 |
| Food Stores | 12,300 | 12,400 | 12,100 | - 100 | + 200 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,500 | 11,500 | 11,800 | 0 | - 300 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 28,700 | 28,300 | 26,600 | + 400 | +2,100 |
| Other Retail Trade | 20,700 | 20,400 | 20,100 | + 300 | + 600 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 21,800 | 21,700 | 21,100 | + 100 | + 700 |
| Banking | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,200 | 0 | + 400 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,400 | 5,300 | 5,400 | + 100 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,500 | 0 | + 300 |
| SERVICES | 93,700 | 93,200 | 94,100 | + 500 | - 400 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 9,700 | 9,500 | 9,200 | + 200 | + 500 |
| Personal Services | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,700 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Services | 20,100 | 20,100 | 20,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Health Services | 23,500 | 23,200 | 21,700 | + 300 | +1,800 |
| Social Services | 6,500 | 6,400 | 11,200 | + 100 | -4,700 |
| Membership Organizations | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,600 | 0 | + 100 |
| Other Services | 24,500 | 24,600 | 22,600 | - 100 | +1,900 |
| GOVERNMENT | 127,100 | 126,800 | 127,800 | + 300 | - 700 |
| Federal | 28,400 | 28,300 | 29,400 | + 100 | -1,000 |
| State 2/ | 45,200 | 45,100 | 45,500 | + 100 | - 300 |
| Local | 53,500 | 53,400 | 52,900 | + 100 | + 600 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment picture saw no improvement during March as the unemployment rate remained unchanged over the month at 7.3 percent. Total employment was up only slightly while the number of jobless was unchanged at 15,300. The Statewide unemployment rate was 7.7 percent in March.

Nonagricultural payroll employment totaled 187,500 in March, up by 800 from the previous month. Most of the gain was accounted for by normal seasonal increases in construction and lodging places. The only other notable job increase was in health services, caused largely by expansion at an Albuquerque hospital. The only significant job loss during March was in transportation as Santa Fe Railway laid off workers.

As of March, trade and services were the only major industries in the Albuquerque area with employment significantly above year ago levels. Employment in finance, insurance & real estate was virtually the same as last year while the remaining major industries lost jobs over the last 12 months. The most sizeable loss was in the public sector, as federal, state and local government all posted declines totaling 1,600 jobs.

MARCH SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar 1982 | Feb 1982 | Mar 1981 | Feb 1982 | Mar 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 209,200 | 208,300 | 211,200 | +900 | -2,000 |
| Employment | 193,900 | 193,000 | 194,600 | +900 | - 700 |
| Unemployment | 15,300 | 15,300 | 16,600 | 0 | -1,300 |
| Rate | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.9 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *MAR Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR | FEB | MAR | FEB | MAR |
| | 1982 | 1982 | 1981 | 1982 | 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 187,500 | 186,700 | 187,200 | +800 | + 300 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11,300 | 10,900 | 11,600 | +400 | - 300 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,900 | 17,000 | 17,400 | -100 | - 500 |
| Durable Goods | 11,900 | 11,900 | 12,100 | 0 | - 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,000 | 5,100 | 5,300 | -100 | - 300 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,400 | 11,600 | 12,000 | -200 | - 600 |
| Transportation | 5,100 | 5,300 | 5,400 | -200 | - 300 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,300 | 0 | - 400 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 0 | + 100 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 47,700 | 47,700 | 46,700 | 0 | +1,000 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,000 | 0 | + 500 |
| Durable Goods | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,700 | 0 | + 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,300 | 0 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 34,200 | 34,200 | 33,700 | 0 | + 500 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 3,900 | 4,000 | 4,000 | -100 | - 100 |
| Food Stores | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,100 | 0 | - 200 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 12,700 | 12,700 | 12,100 | 0 | + 600 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,600 | 9,500 | 9,400 | +100 | + 200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 10,900 | 10,800 | 10,800 | +100 | + 100 |
| Banking | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,300 | 0 | + 100 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,700 | 4,600 | 4,700 | +100 | 0 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 46,800 | 46,200 | 44,600 | +600 | +2,200 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,900 | 2,600 | 2,600 | +300 | + 300 |
| Health Services | 11,300 | 11,100 | 10,200 | +200 | +1,100 |
| Social Services | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,800 | 0 | - 300 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,600 | 28,500 | 27,500 | +100 | +1,100 |
| GOVERNMENT | 42,500 | 42,500 | 44,100 | 0 | -1,600 |
| Federal | 12,400 | 12,500 | 12,800 | -100 | - 400 |
| State | 12,000 | 11,900 | 12,500 | +100 | - 500 |
| Local | 18,100 | 18,100 | 18,800 | 0 | - 700 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *MAR Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR 1982 | FEB 1982 | MAR 1981 | FEB 1982 | MAR 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 31,200 | 30,875 | 29,975 | +325 | +1,225 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,700 | 1,750 | 1,675 | - 50 | + 25 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,675 | 2,650 | 2,575 | + 25 | + 100 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation | 550 | 575 | 575 | - 25 | - 25 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 675 | 650 | 650 | + 25 | + 25 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,775 | 5,700 | 5,200 | + 75 | + 575 |
| Wholesale Trade | 925 | 925 | 875 | 0 | + 50 |
| Retail Trade | 4,850 | 4,775 | 4,325 | + 75 | + 525 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 725 | 750 | 600 | - 25 | + 125 |
| Food Stores | 675 | 600 | 600 | + 75 | + 75 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 750 | 750 | 750 | 0 | 0 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,475 | 0 | + 225 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,000 | 975 | 900 | + 25 | + 100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,175 | 0 | + 25 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,200 | 4,150 | 4,200 | + 50 | 0 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 650 | 625 | 0 | + 25 |
| Business Services | 725 | 700 | 700 | + 25 | + 25 |
| Health Services | 700 | 725 | 675 | - 25 | + 25 |
| Social Services | 325 | 325 | 425 | 0 | - 100 |
| Other Services | 1,800 | 1,750 | 1,775 | + 50 | + 25 |
| GOVERNMENT | 14,425 | 14,200 | 13,925 | +225 | + 500 |
| Federal | 4,350 | 4,325 | 4,200 | + 25 | + 150 |
| State | 5,500 | 5,350 | 5,450 | +150 | + 50 |
| Local | 4,575 | 4,525 | 4,275 | + 50 | + 300 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAR 1982 | FEB 1982 | MAR 1981 | MAR 1982 | FEB 1982 | MAR 1981 | MAR 1982 | FEB 1982 | MAR 1981 |
| **NEW MEXICO** | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $451.69 | $446.42 | $425.39 | 43.1 | 43.3 | 43.9 | $10.48 | $10.31 | $9.69 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 429.87 | 367.43 | 341.79 | 40.1 | 36.2 | 35.2 | 10.72 | 10.15 | 9.71 |
| MANUFACTURING | 279.57 | 272.76 | 249.94 | 39.1 | 38.8 | 39.8 | 7.15 | 7.03 | 6.28 |
| Durable Goods | 294.78 | 294.47 | 270.44 | 39.2 | 38.9 | 41.1 | 7.52 | 7.57 | 6.58 |
| Nondurable Gds | 246.65 | 228.51 | 212.25 | 38.6 | 38.6 | 37.5 | 6.39 | 5.92 | 5.66 |
| COMM and UTIL | 365.71 | 370.96 | 338.65 | 40.1 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 9.12 | 9.07 | 8.28 |
| TRADE * | 240.44 | 230.03 | 232.51 | 35.1 | 34.8 | 34.6 | 6.85 | 6.61 | 6.72 |
| BANKING | 186.20 | 185.98 | 177.77 | 38.0 | 37.8 | 38.9 | 4.90 | 4.92 | 4.57 |
| **ALBUQUERQUE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $283.71 | $283.80 | $260.07 | 38.6 | 38.3 | 40.7 | $ 7.35 | $ 7.41 | $6.39 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

*Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

*ALBUQUERQUE AREA* - St. Joseph Hospital recently received the approval of the state Health Planning and Development Bureau to locate a $17.2 million, 128 bed hospital on the West Mesa. Work on the new hospital is scheduled to begin this summer by Hospital Building and Equipment Company of St. Louis and construction time is estimated at 18 to 20 months. The city-county Office of Comprehensive Employment and Training Administration is planning to employ a total of 1,000 low-income young people in minimum wage jobs this summer. This summer's program will most likely be the last because the CETA program is scheduled to be abolished later this year. Viehmann, Martin and Associates of Phoenix are continuing with plans to build a large shopping center on a 70 acre site in Paradise Hills. The developer's plans are only in the preliminary stage and details of the proposed shopping center will be disclosed at a later date. La Quinta Motor Inns have opened their second motel in Albuquerque, a 105-room facility near the International Airport. Work has started on a $10 million, five story office building near Wyoming and Menaul. Developers of the project are Cavan Associates of Phoenix and Johnson Real Estate Corporation of Racine, Wisconsin.

*ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA* - Potash Company of America is planning to shutdown its Eddy county mining operation for three weeks beginning June 7th. Approximately 600 workers will be affected by the shutdown. Carlsbad officials have requested county assistance in constructing roads for the 400 acre industrial park planned for the city. H & E Electric, the park's first announced tenant, plans to construct a $350,000 building on 2.5 acres in the new park.

*CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA* - Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) Regents have approved a $1.7 million project which will establish a Student Academic Center on the Portales campus. Work is expected to begin on the project by mid-summer and be completed in one year.

*FARMINGTON AREA* - Burnett Construction Company of Durango, Colorado was low bidder on a $2.9 million highway construction project on NM 371 south of Farmington. Arizona Public Service Company plans to spend $23 million this year on new particulate and sulfar dioxide removal equipment on Units 4 and 5 at the Four Corners Power Plant near Farmington. Gulf Energy Processing Company of Houston has been granted a state permit to construct a $490,000 natural gas plant near Fruitland. Unit 4 of the San Juan Generating Station went into commercial production in April, giving the plant employment of 850, according to company officials.

*GALLUP/GRANTS AREA* - As expected, Anaconda Copper Company closed its Jackpile uranium mine and Bluewater mill March 31st, resulting in the layoff of approximately 600 persons. The Anaconda facilities had been in operation for the past 30 years. Construction began on facilities for a new auto dealership in Gallup. Amigo Chevrolet will employ approximately 60 persons when in operation. Giant Industries Incorporated plans to move a large part of their gasoline transportation operation from Farmington to Gallup. The move should involve about 40 jobs.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - The new $1.25 million headquarters for ARCO Oil and Gas Company is completed and the company's employees plan to move into the 23,500 square foot facility on April 17. W. A. Jourdan has begun work on a third clinic unit for Hospital Corp. of America and completion of the project is planned for this July. The new 62-unit Lovington Inn is scheduled to open for business May 1st. A slowdown in oilwell drilling activity in the Permian Basin is in evidence as the number of rigs making hole dropped below the comparable year ago figure. The local Employment Service office has begun taking Unemployment Insurance claims for area roughnecks, the first time this has happened in the last five years according to office manager Arlie Dorsey. Empire Drilling Company has leased 25 acres at Hobbs Industrial Air Park and plans to establish a oilwell drilling rig manufacturing operation which would employ about 80 persons.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Construction of the $1.4 million Swig Pecan Processing plant is about 80% complete and the plant should be in operation by June. Several new retail stores have opened in the new Mesilla Valley Mall, including O'Ryan's Tavern, Oshman's Sporting Goods and Miller's Outpost. Fedmart closed their Las Cruces department store in April resulting in the layoff of about 40 persons. Enersteel has begun initial operations at their new fabricated steel manufacturing plant near Santa Teresa with a workforce of less than 50. Stahlman Farms laid off approximately 200 seasonal workers at their pecan growing and processing operation.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Construction is scheduled to begin in May on the fiberboard manufacturing plant being planned by Public Service Company of New Mexico and Woods, Inc. The large plant is scheduled to be in operation in 1984, at which time approximately 120 persons will be employed at the facility.

RATON AREA - Burdick Contracting Company of Dupont, Colorado was awarded the $3.6 million contract to build a 47 mile water pipeline, part of the city of Raton's Cimarron Diverson Project. Interwest Ltd. of Albuquerque won the $2.9 million contract to construct the pump stations for the water project.

ROSWELL AREA - Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) officials are now considering various plans for a proposed $3 million instructional center to be located at the ENMU Roswell campus. ENMU officials want to have the new instructional center complete by early 1983 as the first phase of a five year, $18.5 million building project at the Roswell campus. B. J. Hughes Company has begun construction of district headquarters in Roswell for their oilfield service operations. B. J. Hughes plans to operate 35 service trucks out of the new headquarters.

SANTA FE AREA - Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) received approval from Santa Fe county officials to construct a 45 mile high voltage power line from PNM's Algodones Station to the Norton station northwest of Santa Fe. The 345-kilovolt line project is expected to cost approximately $12.4 million. The Four Seasons Nursing Center was given state approval to expand at a cost of $1.3 million. Skaggs Incorporated has purchased 15 acres on Cerrillos Road for the location of one of the firm's super centers.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - Phelps Dodge Corporation has announced plans to suspend operation at its Tyrone copper mine on april 17th due to a deteriorating market for the metal. Approximately 600 workers are expected to be laid off at the company's Grant county mine due to the suspension of operations. This follows on the heals of Kennecott Corporation's shutdown of its Chino copper operation in Hurley, the first phase of which began on March 28th. Sharon Steel had closed its Continental copper mine near Silver City in early January because of the depressed copper prices. An estimated 2,000 workers in Grant county are expected to be out of work by late this June if announced plans by the copper producers are carried out.

*TAOS AREA* - Taos Ski Valley closed operations on April 11th, resulting in about 400 persons being laid off. Many of the laid off seasonal workers leave the Taos area. A number of area retail trade and service businesses also lay off workers when the ski season ends. Carson National Forest has began some rehiring of their seasonal workforce.

*TUCUMCARI AREA* - Curran Houston Incorporated has established office operations in Tucumcari to supervise construction of a CO2 pipeline the company is building for ARCO Oil Company. The pipeline will run from Walsenburg, Colorado to Seminole, Texas. The Ute Dam project is scheduled to go to bid in May with a possible construction start this October. The project will involve raising the level of both the dam and spillway at an estimated cost of $21.5 million.

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March 1982 CPI-U - 283.1
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 282.5

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and
Clerical Workers

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## OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY MARCH 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED FEBRUARY 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED MARCH 1981 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 572,535 | 528,300 | 44,235 | 7.7 | 570,065 | 527,026 | 43,039 | 7.5 | 568,090 | 523,632 | 44,458 | 7.8 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 209,243 | 193,923 | 15,320 | 7.3 | 208,240 | 192,977 | 15,263 | 7.3 | 211,202 | 194,600 | 16,602 | 7.9 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 37,081 | 33,890 | 3,191 | 8.6 | 36,249 | 33,604 | 2,645 | 7.3 | 34,916 | 32,051 | 2,865 | 8.2 |
| Catron | 879 | 665 | 214 | 24.3 | 903 | 680 | 223 | 24.7 | 847 | 709 | 138 | 16.3 |
| Chaves | 21,664 | 20,664 | 1,000 | 4.6 | 21,450 | 20,524 | 926 | 4.3 | 21,232 | 19,699 | 1,533 | 7.2 |
| Colfax | 6,044 | 5,658 | 386 | 6.4 | 6,052 | 5,658 | 394 | 6.5 | 6,024 | 5,586 | 438 | 7.3 |
| Curry | 14,317 | 13,498 | 819 | 5.7 | 14,089 | 13,286 | 803 | 5.7 | 14,251 | 13,319 | 932 | 6.5 |
| De Baca | 950 | 921 | 29 | 3.1 | 939 | 906 | 33 | 3.5 | 939 | 926 | 13 | 1.4 |
| Eddy | 22,896 | 21,759 | 1,137 | 5.0 | 22,842 | 21,772 | 1,070 | 4.7 | 21,366 | 20,439 | 927 | 4.3 |
| Grant | 11,873 | 10,292 | 1,581 | 13.3 | 11,982 | 10,609 | 1,373 | 11.5 | 10,761 | 9,709 | 1,052 | 9.8 |
| Guadalupe | 1,376 | 1,264 | 112 | 8.1 | 1,440 | 1,302 | 138 | 9.6 | 1,500 | 1,290 | 210 | 14.0 |
| Harding | 589 | 568 | 21 | 3.6 | 609 | 598 | 11 | 1.8 | 741 | 723 | 18 | 2.4 |
| Hidalgo | 2,377 | 2,251 | 126 | 5.3 | 2,329 | 2,205 | 124 | 5.3 | 2,279 | 2,209 | 70 | 3.1 |
| Lea | 33,186 | 32,333 | 853 | 2.6 | 33,063 | 32,190 | 873 | 2.6 | 30,187 | 29,499 | 688 | 2.3 |
| Lincoln | 6,287 | 6,094 | 193 | 3.1 | 6,208 | 6,020 | 188 | 3.0 | 5,733 | 5,525 | 208 | 3.6 |
| Los Alamos | 10,376 | 10,183 | 193 | 1.9 | 10,569 | 10,389 | 180 | 1.7 | 10,551 | 10,170 | 381 | 3.6 |
| Luna | 4,896 | 4,420 | 476 | 9.7 | 4,834 | 4,355 | 479 | 9.9 | 4,885 | 4,339 | 546 | 11.2 |
| McKinley | 18,942 | 16,898 | 2,044 | 10.8 | 18,956 | 16,938 | 2,018 | 10.6 | 19,706 | 17,633 | 2,073 | 10.5 |
| Mora | 1,067 | 690 | 377 | 35.3 | 1,064 | 679 | 385 | 36.2 | 1,116 | 716 | 400 | 35.8 |
| Otero | 13,352 | 12,296 | 1,056 | 7.9 | 13,133 | 12,077 | 1,056 | 8.0 | 13,183 | 12,191 | 992 | 7.5 |
| Quay | 4,775 | 4,397 | 378 | 7.9 | 4,703 | 4,362 | 341 | 7.3 | 4,817 | 4,447 | 370 | 7.7 |
| Rio Arriba | 11,241 | 8,699 | 2,542 | 22.6 | 10,992 | 8,459 | 2,533 | 23.0 | 10,772 | 8,496 | 2,276 | 21.1 |
| Roosevelt | 7,292 | 6,968 | 324 | 4.4 | 7,166 | 6,898 | 268 | 3.7 | 7,431 | 7,196 | 235 | 3.2 |
| San Juan | 39,962 | 36,553 | 3,409 | 8.5 | 40,565 | 37,060 | 3,505 | 8.6 | 39,792 | 36,719 | 3,073 | 7.7 |
| San Miguel | 9,074 | 8,129 | 945 | 10.4 | 8,922 | 7,970 | 952 | 10.7 | 8,909 | 7,923 | 986 | 11.1 |
| Santa Fe | 36,295 | 33,869 | 2,426 | 6.7 | 35,977 | 33,567 | 2,410 | 6.7 | 36,382 | 33,865 | 2,517 | 6.9 |
| Sierra | 2,714 | 2,591 | 123 | 4.5 | 2,890 | 2,791 | 99 | 3.4 | 2,995 | 2,872 | 123 | 4.1 |
| Socorro | 4,439 | 4,080 | 359 | 8.1 | 4,500 | 4,128 | 372 | 8.3 | 4,586 | 4,226 | 360 | 7.8 |
| Taos | 10,582 | 8,853 | 1,729 | 16.3 | 10,352 | 8,761 | 1,591 | 15.4 | 9,857 | 8,307 | 1,550 | 15.7 |
| Torrance | 2,220 | 2,100 | 120 | 5.4 | 2,150 | 2,032 | 118 | 5.5 | 2,082 | 2,007 | 75 | 3.6 |
| Union | 2,233 | 2,089 | 144 | 6.4 | 2,186 | 2,071 | 115 | 5.3 | 2,376 | 2,289 | 87 | 3.7 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 24,313 | 21,705 | 2,608 | 10.7 | 24,711 | 22,158 | 2,553 | 10.3 | 26,672 | 23,952 | 2,720 | 10.2 |

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Estimates for Cibola County are not yet available.*

# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

April was generally not a good month for New Mexico's economy according to preliminary labor force estimates. The State's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent in April, up slightly from March's 7.7 percent rate; however normally the State's jobless rate declines significantly during this early spring period. New Mexico's unemployment rate is now considerably above the year ago rate of 7.1 percent. The number of unemployed was 44,800 in April, up 800 from March and up 4,300 from one year ago. The U. S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.2 percent in April.

Looking at the nonfarm payroll job estimates for April, rather modest springtime employment gains in construction, trade and services were partially offset by large layoffs in the metal mining industry and by smaller job losses in several manufacturing sectors. The metal mining loss of 1,000 jobs was concentrated in the depressed copper and uranium areas. Kennecott Corporation laid off several hundred workers at their Silver City area copper mine, and Anaconda suspended operations at their uranium mine and mill near Grants. Additional layoffs in metal mining will show up in the estimates over the next few months. Phelps Dodge laid off about 600 workers at their Grant county copper mine after the employment reference period in April, and two uranium producers, United Nuclear and Gulf Minerals, have announced gradual curtailments of their Gallup/Grants area operations. A total of 650 uranium workers could be laid off by the two companies by mid-summer.

In manufacturing, small job losses were reported in April in transportation equipment, apparel, and other nondurable goods which dropped the over-the-year job comparison in manufacturing to -700.

The only major industries in New Mexico continuing to report yearly job increases were trade and finance, insurance & real estate. The services industry has several sectors reporting significant twelve-month gains; however, these continue to be offset by substantial job losses in social services.

APRIL SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr 1982 | Mar 1982 | Apr 1981 | Mar 1982 | Apr 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 574,100 | 572,400 | 571,400 | +1,700 | +2,700 |
| Employment | 529,300 | 528,400 | 530,900 | + 900 | -1,600 |
| Unemployment | 44,800 | 44,000 | 40,500 | + 800 | +4,300 |
| Rate (*Actual*) | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.1 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *APR Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR 1982 | MAR 1982 | APR 1981 | MAR 1982 | APR 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 474,900 | 472,700 | 475,000 | +2,200 | - 100 |
| MINING | 29,700 | 30,600 | 30,800 | - 900 | -1,100 |
| Metal Mining | 7,500 | 8,500 | 9,900 | -1,000 | -2,400 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,100 | 0 | + 200 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,900 | 16,800 | 15,800 | + 100 | +1,100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 32,100 | 31,500 | 32,900 | + 600 | - 800 |
| MANUFACTURING | 33,000 | 33,100 | 33,700 | - 100 | - 700 |
| Durable Goods | 20,400 | 20,300 | 20,800 | + 100 | - 400 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,000 | 1,900 | 2,600 | + 100 | - 600 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,400 | 0 | + 300 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,600 | 3,700 | 3,800 | - 100 | - 200 |
| Other Durable Goods | 11,100 | 11,000 | 11,000 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,600 | 12,800 | 12,900 | - 200 | - 300 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,200 | 3,300 | 3,500 | - 100 | - 300 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,600 | 5,700 | 5,600 | - 100 | 0 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 28,600 | 28,400 | 28,900 | + 200 | - 300 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2,100 | 2,000 | 3,000 | + 100 | - 900 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,800 | 5,700 | 5,500 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Other Transportation | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 0 | - 100 |
| Communication | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,200 | 0 | + 400 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 107,900 | 106,600 | 103,800 | +1,300 | +4,100 |
| Wholesale Trade | 23,000 | 22,900 | 22,300 | + 100 | + 700 |
| Durable Goods | 14,000 | 13,900 | 13,500 | + 100 | + 500 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,800 | 0 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 84,900 | 83,700 | 81,500 | +1,200 | +3,400 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10,500 | 10,400 | 10,100 | + 100 | + 400 |
| Food Stores | 12,600 | 12,300 | 11,600 | + 300 | +1,000 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,600 | 11,600 | 12,000 | 0 | - 400 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 29,200 | 28,600 | 27,500 | + 600 | +1,700 |
| Other Retail Trade | 21,000 | 20,800 | 20,300 | + 200 | + 700 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 21,900 | 21,900 | 21,500 | 0 | + 400 |
| Banking | 7,600 | 7,600 | 7,300 | 0 | + 300 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 8,900 | 8,900 | 8,800 | 0 | + 100 |
| SERVICES | 94,400 | 94,000 | 95,300 | + 400 | - 900 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 10,100 | 9,700 | 10,000 | + 400 | + 100 |
| Personal Services | 4,600 | 4,700 | 4,700 | - 100 | - 100 |
| Business Services | 20,600 | 20,200 | 20,200 | + 400 | + 400 |
| Health Services | 23,300 | 23,500 | 21,800 | - 200 | +1,500 |
| Social Services | 6,700 | 6,600 | 11,100 | + 100 | -4,400 |
| Membership Organizations | 5,000 | 4,800 | 4,800 | + 200 | + 200 |
| Other Services | 24,100 | 24,500 | 22,700 | - 400 | +1,400 |
| GOVERNMENT | 127,300 | 126,600 | 128,100 | + 700 | - 800 |
| Federal | 28,900 | 28,600 | 29,800 | + 300 | - 900 |
| State 2/ | 44,500 | 44,600 | 45,400 | - 100 | - 900 |
| Local | 53,900 | 53,400 | 52,900 | + 500 | +1,000 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

Some weakness was evident in the Albuquerque labor force situation in April according to preliminary estimates. Although both the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate decreased over the month, both declines were smaller than normally expected in April. The Albuquerque area unemployment rate was 7.1 percent, down from March's 7.3 percent, and the number of unemployed fell by 400 to 14,900. The statewide unemployment rate in April was 7.8 percent. Albuquerque's unemployment rate has been diverging from the statewide indicator over the last three months largely due to mining layoffs in several other areas of the state.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment estimates in April were dominated by seasonal gains in most sectors. The major exception was manufacturing which recorded a 100 loss in the apparel sector of non-durable goods. Trade and services continued to be the only major industries in the area recording employment growth from one year ago. The largest over-the-year job reductions were in government and manufacturing, with job declines of 1,400 and 900 respectively.

APRIL SUMMARY [1/]

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Apr 1982 | Mar 1982 | Apr 1981 | Mar 1982 | Apr 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 210,900 | 209,600 | 212,000 | +1,300 | -1,100 |
| Employment | 196,000 | 194,300 | 197,000 | +1,700 | -1,000 |
| Unemployment | 14,900 | 15,300 | 15,000 | - 400 | - 100 |
| Rate | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.1 | | |

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[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *APR Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR 1982 | MAR 1982 | APR 1981 | MAR 1982 | APR 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 188,600 | 187,400 | 189,100 | +1,200 | - 500 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11,500 | 11,300 | 12,100 | + 200 | - 600 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,900 | 17,000 | 17,800 | - 100 | - 900 |
| Durable Goods | 11,900 | 11,900 | 12,300 | 0 | - 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,000 | 5,100 | 5,500 | - 100 | - 500 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,400 | 11,300 | 11,800 | + 100 | - 400 |
| Transportation | 5,100 | 5,000 | 5,400 | + 100 | - 300 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,100 | 0 | - 200 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 0 | + 100 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 48,200 | 47,700 | 46,800 | + 500 | +1,400 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,700 | 13,500 | 13,100 | + 200 | + 600 |
| Durable Goods | 9,100 | 9,000 | 8,700 | + 100 | + 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,400 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 34,500 | 34,200 | 33,700 | + 300 | + 800 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 3,800 | 3,800 | 4,000 | 0 | - 200 |
| Food Stores | 4,000 | 3,900 | 3,900 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,200 | 0 | - 100 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 12,900 | 12,700 | 12,200 | + 200 | + 700 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,700 | 9,700 | 9,400 | 0 | + 300 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,000 | 10,900 | 11,000 | + 100 | 0 |
| Banking | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,700 | 4,600 | 4,700 | + 100 | 0 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 46,800 | 46,700 | 45,400 | + 100 | +1,400 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,800 | 2,700 | 2,700 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Health Services | 11,200 | 11,300 | 10,400 | - 100 | + 800 |
| Social Services | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,700 | 0 | - 200 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,600 | 1,500 | 1,600 | + 100 | 0 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,700 | 28,700 | 28,000 | 0 | + 700 |
| GOVERNMENT | 42,800 | 42,500 | 44,200 | + 300 | -1,400 |
| Federal | 12,500 | 12,400 | 12,900 | + 100 | - 400 |
| State | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,500 | 0 | - 500 |
| Local | 18,300 | 18,100 | 18,800 | + 200 | - 500 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* APR 1982 | *Revised* MAR 1982 | *Revised* APR 1981 | *APR Change From* MAR 1982 | *APR Change From* APR 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 31,550 | 31,250 | 30,200 | +300 | +1,350 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,775 | 1,775 | 1,725 | 0 | + 50 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,725 | 2,675 | 2,550 | + 50 | + 175 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation | 600 | 575 | 575 | + 25 | + 25 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 625 | 650 | 650 | - 25 | - 25 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,850 | 5,750 | 5,350 | +100 | + 500 |
| Wholesale Trade | 900 | 925 | 900 | - 25 | 0 |
| Retail Trade | 4,950 | 4,825 | 4,450 | +125 | + 500 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 800 | 725 | 625 | + 75 | + 175 |
| Food Stores | 700 | 675 | 575 | + 25 | + 125 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 750 | 750 | 725 | 0 | + 25 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,725 | 1,700 | 1,625 | + 25 | + 100 |
| Other Retail Trade | 975 | 975 | 900 | 0 | + 75 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,225 | 1,200 | 1,200 | + 25 | + 25 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 4,225 | 4,175 | 4,300 | + 50 | - 75 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 625 | 650 | + 25 | 0 |
| Business Services | 725 | 725 | 750 | 0 | - 25 |
| Health Services | 725 | 725 | 675 | 0 | + 50 |
| Social Services | 325 | 325 | 425 | 0 | - 100 |
| Other Services | 1,800 | 1,775 | 1,800 | + 25 | 0 |
| GOVERNMENT | 14,525 | 14,450 | 13,850 | + 75 | + 675 |
| Federal | 4,350 | 4,350 | 4,125 | 0 | + 225 |
| State | 5,500 | 5,525 | 5,425 | - 25 | + 75 |
| Local | 4,675 | 4,575 | 4,300 | +100 | + 375 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR 1982 | MAR 1982 | APR 1981 | APR 1982 | MAR 1982 | APR 1981 | APR 1982 | MAR 1982 | APR 1981 |
| NEW MEXICO | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $462.09 | $454.94 | $446.85 | 43.8 | 43.0 | 45.0 | $10.55 | $10.58 | $9.93 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 357.75 | 419.10 | 369.63 | 34.3 | 39.5 | 37.0 | 10.43 | 10.61 | 9.99 |
| MANUFACTURING | 273.39 | 280.02 | 252.97 | 39.0 | 39.0 | 39.9 | 7.01 | 7.18 | 6.34 |
| Durable Goods | 299.83 | 296.74 | 269.18 | 39.4 | 39.2 | 40.6 | 7.61 | 7.57 | 6.63 |
| Nondurable Gds | 218.50 | 246.27 | 221.95 | 38.2 | 38.6 | 38.6 | 5.72 | 6.38 | 5.75 |
| COMM and UTIL | 369.15 | 365.31 | 343.20 | 40.7 | 40.1 | 41.2 | 9.07 | 9.11 | 8.33 |
| TRADE * | 246.75 | 238.70 | 243.53 | 35.1 | 35.0 | 35.5 | 7.03 | 6.82 | 6.86 |
| BANKING | 181.91 | 182.89 | 170.46 | 37.2 | 37.4 | 37.3 | 4.89 | 4.89 | 4.57 |
| ALBUQUERQUE | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $293.09 | $286.34 | $259.43 | 39.5 | 38.8 | 40.6 | $7.42 | $7.38 | $6.39 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Sperry Flight Systems has received a $3 million U. S. Air Force contract for 119 F-16 digital air data computer systems and company officials said all the equipment will be manufactured at their Albuquerque plant. Sperry is now expanding its city plant by 118,000 square feet and expects to employ 800 to 1,000 persons by next spring. Comprehensive Care Corporation of Newport Beach, California has leased a three acre parcel next to the Civic Center and plans to build a 70-bed hospital specializing in drug and alcohol treatment. The new hospital will employ approximately 200 full and part-time staff. Work is underway on the city's new $3 million downtown parking structure. The Bank of Albuquerque plans to open a new 6,000 square foot branch office in the Northeast Heights. Santa Fe Railway has rehired approximately 120 of the 175 workers laid off in February at their Centralized Work Equipment Facility in Albuquerque. Mountain Bell expects to add 75 jobs to their Albuquerque workforce by this fall as the company establishes a regional data processing center in the city. Work has begun on the $12.2 million Energy Technology Laboratory at Sandia National Laboratories which will provide office space for 500 Sandia employees.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - White Sands Missle Range paid $14.1 million in contracts to local trade area businesses during the second quarter of fiscal year 1982. The largest contract, $7.9 million, went to Dynalectron Corporation at Holloman Air Force Base for data collection and technical services. Plans for a 16 story, 100 unit high rise condominium project was recently approved by the Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Commission. The new facility will be part of development project at the site of the Chaparral Motor Hotel. Ruidoso Downs Race Track opened its 1982 racing season on May 8th. The track will be open until Labor Day.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - The $250,000 improvement project at Living Desert State Park in Carlsbad should be complete by June according to the project's contractor Richardson and Richardson Construction. A new ABC affiliate television station employing approximately 22 persons is scheduled to begin operations in Carlsbad by this September. Several area potash mines are planning three week vacation shutdowns in June due to large potash inventories. Duval Corporation officials announced a layoff of approximately 35 workers at their Eddy county potash mine.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Selected Casings, a sausage casing manufacturer in Portales, has laid off 35 workers, reducing their employment to a total of 67 workers according to company officials. Building contractors of Albuquerque was awarded a $894,000 contract to construct a city office building in Portales. Honetreat Incorporated has announced a layoff of approximately 25 workers at their oilfield tubing manufacturing plant due to the current slowdown in oil and gas drilling.

ESPANOLA AREA - Evergreen Lumber Company's sawmill in Chama is now operating again on a three day a week schedule with a workforce of 18.

FARMINGTON AREA - Gulf Energy Processing Company has been granted a state permit to build a $490,000 natural gas processing plant near Fruitland. A new 80 to 100 unit motel which will be named The Five Seasons is planned for Bloomfield by the M & K Corporation.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) is suspending operations at its Churchrock uranium mine and mill because of the slump in the uranium market. Approximately 130 UNC workers were laid off May 5th and an additional 300 will be laid off in the next few weeks. Gulf Mineral Resources has also announced a reduction in force at their Mount Taylor mine. Gulf officials said that 150-200 workers will be laid off over a period of several weeks beginning in mid-May. The State Correction Department's plans for the proposed $19 million intake center and womens prison near Grants now call for construction to start in early September. Work on the new facility should take almost two years to complete.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Hobbs voters passed a $3 million school bond issue which will be used to construct a new elementary school. Bids are scheduled to be opened June 4 for construction of a new Lea County detention center expected to cost $4.4 million. Work on the new facility should take about one year to complete.

LAS CRUCES AREA - The new SWIG pecan processing plant is scheduled to open in June with a workforce of about 80. Employment at the plant should total 160 by this fall. Burns Construction recently completed site preparation work for the $31.5 million medium security prison located west of Las Cruces. The new prison will employ 265 persons when in operation. The new J. C. Penny department store being built in the Mesilla Valley Mall is scheduled to open on July 8. The new store is expected to employ approximately 120 persons. The 9,300 square foot expansion of the C. R. Anthony Company store in Loretta Mall has been completed.

LAS VEGAS AREA - The Bank of Las Vegas has awarded a $1.4 million contract to Luther Construction Company of Albuquerque for construction of a new bank addition. A new McDonalds restaurant which will employ 60 persons is scheduled to open June 20, 1982.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory was forced to layoff 45 persons due to federal funding cutbacks in fiscal year 1982. Initially almost 400 positions were threatened; however voluntary retirees, a hiring freeze and normal attrition saved most of the jobs.

ROSWELL AREA - Security National Bank has announced plans for a $9 million construction and renovation project for Roswell. A five story, 80,000 square foot office building will be built next to Security National's existing building. Construction is expected to begin in early September and be completed by the summer of 1983. Work is underway on a $1.7 million bowling center in Roswell. The new facility should be completed by early fall.

SANTA FE AREA - Construction has started on the New Mexico School for the Deaf's new $1.5 million auditorium. The Santa Fe City Council has approved the location of a 5.5 acre shopping center at the intersection of Zia Road and Rodeo Road. The Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe will reopen July 1 after a 28-month, $2.7 million construction and renovation project.

SILVER CITY AREA - Kennecott Minerals Corporation laid off an additional 230 copper smelter workers at its Chino Mines Division on May 1st. Kennecott had previously laid off approximately 600 workers in late March. Sharon Steel Corporation terminated another 50 employees May 21 at their Fierro copper mine, reducing the total workforce at the mine to 28. Sharon Steel employed approximately 380 workers at the Fierro mine before the first of their layoffs last July.

TAOS AREA - The Rio Costilla Recreation Development Corporation has requested the Taos County Commission issue industrial revenue bonds totaling $10 million to fund development of a ski area the firm wants to build near Amalia.

TUCUMCARI AREA - The Albuquerque based firm which has been studying the possibility of extracting oil from tar sands near Santa Rosa now wants to start extraction operations by the middle of next year. Solv Corporation plans to employ 72 persons in the mining operation and another 85 in the processing plant used for the extraction process.

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April 1982 CPI-U - 284.3
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CPI-W - 283.7

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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## Annual Planning Report

The fiscal year 1983 New Mexico Annual Manpower Planning Report will be published shortly. The highlights and outlook for the State is summarized below. Copies of the complete report can be requested from the Research and Statistics Section at the address on page one of this publication.

New Mexico's population increased to 1,328,000 in mid 1981, up from 1,302,894 in 1980 and 1,017,055 in 1970. Over 80% of the population increase during the last 10 years has been in Bernalillo, San Juan, Dona Ana, Valencia, Santa Fe, Sandoval and McKinley Counties.

During 1981 there was some improvement in the State's labor force picture with total nonagricultural jobs growing by 10,100 jobs compared to the 4,400 increase of the previous year. At the same time the unemployment rate fell slightly from 7.5% in 1980 to 7.3% in 1981.

Economic growth should improve somewhat in the upcoming fiscal year which begins this October, in line with national recovery, but there will still be problems in some economic sectors. In mining the boom in petroleum appears likely to continue. However, short term layoffs in copper will probably remain, and no turn-around is likely in the uranium collapse. Construction work may finally start moving up, if national interest rates decline. A number of manufacturing companies, especially electronics, have major expansion plans. Trade and service employment should grow, as the national economy improves, inflation abates, and tax decreases are implemented. Federal government budget restrictions are likely to have a major negative impact on both direct and indirect non-defense government employment.

Unemployment is expected to stay at high levels through most of 1982, before declining somewhat in 1983. New jobs will be insufficient to absorb all the new entrants, re-entrants and immigrants.

Among occupations likely to offer best employment prospects in the next year are maintenance (auto, auto body, diesel), data processing (programmer, systems analyst), industrial (electronic technician, welder), clerical-skilled (secretary, typist), engineering (civil, electrical), food services (cook, waitress), health services (nurse, physical therapist), and sales. Good training and previous experience are usually very important factors in getting a job in these fields.

Despite economic growth, poverty and underemployment remain major problems in the State, concentrated in rural areas and among minority groups. Nearly 50,000 (14%) of New Mexico families had less than a poverty level income, one of the highest rates in the country. It is estimated that about 150,000 individuals are eligible for federal manpower programs due to unemployment, underemployment, or poverty criteria.

A number of factors continue to act as barriers to employment. These include lack of suitable job opportunities, inadequate education or experience, poor transportation, failing health, age, lack of child care facilities, and limited knowledge of the job market. These factors are often interrelated.

# OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY APRIL 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED MARCH 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED APRIL 1981 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 574,045 | 529,257 | 44,788 | 7.8 | 572,374 | 528,360 | 44,014 | 7.7 | 571,482 | 530,936 | 40,546 | 7.1 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 210,976 | 196,047 | 14,929 | 7.1 | 209,553 | 194,291 | 15,262 | 7.3 | 212,055 | 197,048 | 15,007 | 7.1 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 36,726 | 33,684 | 3,042 | 8.3 | 36,387 | 33,226 | 3,161 | 8.7 | 35,423 | 32,631 | 2,792 | 7.9 |
| Catron | 914 | 772 | 142 | 15.5 | 893 | 675 | 218 | 24.4 | 904 | 838 | 66 | 7.3 |
| Chaves | 22,004 | 20,915 | 1,089 | 4.9 | 21,708 | 20,714 | 994 | 4.6 | 21,297 | 19,865 | 1,432 | 6.7 |
| Colfax | 6,071 | 5,698 | 373 | 6.1 | 6,056 | 5,672 | 384 | 6.3 | 5,985 | 5,636 | 349 | 5.8 |
| Curry | 14,218 | 13,500 | 718 | 5.0 | 14,344 | 13,530 | 814 | 5.7 | 14,327 | 13,517 | 810 | 5.7 |
| De Baca | 979 | 948 | 31 | 3.2 | 951 | 923 | 28 | 2.9 | 979 | 961 | 18 | 1.8 |
| Eddy | 23,222 | 21,991 | 1,231 | 5.3 | 22,938 | 21,811 | 1,127 | 4.9 | 22,039 | 21,191 | 848 | 3.8 |
| Grant | 12,167 | 9,702 | 2,465 | 20.3 | 11,904 | 10,317 | 1,587 | 13.3 | 10,635 | 9,988 | 647 | 6.1 |
| Guadalupe | 1,416 | 1,316 | 100 | 7.1 | 1,378 | 1,267 | 111 | 8.1 | 1,539 | 1,358 | 181 | 11.8 |
| Harding | 719 | 714 | 5 | 0.7 | 610 | 589 | 21 | 3.4 | 831 | 810 | 21 | 2.5 |
| Hidalgo | 2,599 | 2,310 | 289 | 11.1 | 2,389 | 2,256 | 133 | 5.6 | 2,552 | 2,440 | 112 | 4.4 |
| Lea | 34,020 | 32,721 | 1,299 | 3.8 | 33,245 | 32,411 | 834 | 2.5 | 30,749 | 30,004 | 745 | 2.4 |
| Lincoln | 6,547 | 6,370 | 177 | 2.7 | 6,301 | 6,108 | 193 | 3.1 | 5,987 | 5,829 | 158 | 2.6 |
| Los Alamos | 10,350 | 10,216 | 134 | 1.3 | 10,398 | 10,207 | 191 | 1.8 | 10,461 | 10,155 | 306 | 2.9 |
| Luna | 4,983 | 4,460 | 523 | 10.5 | 4,913 | 4,431 | 482 | 9.8 | 4,943 | 4,502 | 441 | 8.9 |
| McKinley | 18,755 | 16,820 | 1,935 | 10.3 | 18,978 | 16,939 | 2,039 | 10.7 | 19,520 | 17,525 | 1,995 | 10.2 |
| Mora | 1,040 | 711 | 329 | 31.6 | 1,065 | 692 | 373 | 35.0 | 1,098 | 732 | 366 | 33.3 |
| Otero | 13,628 | 12,564 | 1,064 | 7.8 | 13,376 | 12,325 | 1,051 | 7.9 | 13,408 | 12,541 | 867 | 6.5 |
| Quay | 5,043 | 4,687 | 356 | 7.1 | 4,784 | 4,408 | 376 | 7.9 | 4,915 | 4,609 | 306 | 6.2 |
| Rio Arriba | 11,074 | 8,835 | 2,239 | 20.2 | 11,238 | 8,721 | 2,517 | 22.4 | 10,792 | 8,741 | 2,051 | 19.0 |
| Roosevelt | 7,201 | 6,953 | 248 | 3.4 | 7,305 | 6,984 | 321 | 4.4 | 7,427 | 7,195 | 232 | 3.1 |
| San Juan | 39,449 | 36,263 | 3,186 | 8.1 | 40,034 | 36,641 | 3,393 | 8.5 | 40,277 | 37,305 | 2,972 | 7.4 |
| San Miguel | 8,467 | 7,573 | 894 | 10.6 | 8,606 | 7,674 | 932 | 10.8 | 8,484 | 7,578 | 906 | 10.7 |
| Santa Fe | 36,184 | 33,899 | 2,285 | 6.3 | 36,364 | 33,951 | 2,413 | 6.6 | 36,272 | 33,999 | 2,273 | 6.3 |
| Sierra | 2,686 | 2,581 | 105 | 3.9 | 2,800 | 2,677 | 123 | 4.4 | 3,041 | 2,975 | 66 | 2.2 |
| Socorro | 4,407 | 4,108 | 299 | 6.8 | 4,450 | 4,090 | 360 | 8.1 | 4,549 | 4,248 | 301 | 6.6 |
| Taos | 10,096 | 8,311 | 1,785 | 17.7 | 10,597 | 8,874 | 1,723 | 16.3 | 9,475 | 7,963 | 1,512 | 16.0 |
| Torrance | 2,303 | 2,189 | 114 | 5.0 | 2,224 | 2,105 | 119 | 5.4 | 2,199 | 2,148 | 51 | 2.3 |
| Union | 2,343 | 2,184 | 159 | 6.8 | 2,236 | 2,094 | 142 | 6.4 | 2,500 | 2,408 | 92 | 3.7 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 23,458 | 20,215 | 3,243 | 13.8 | 24,349 | 21,757 | 2,592 | 10.6 | 26,819 | 24,196 | 2,623 | 9.8 |

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.*

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# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation continued to deteriorate during May according to preliminary estimates. The number of persons unemployed grew by 7,900 over the month while total employment declined by 2,600. The State's unemployment rate jumped from 7.8 percent in April to 9.1 percent in May.

Total nonagricultural payroll jobs in the State advanced by 1,000 jobs during May, significantly less than normally expected this time of year. This meager employment showing was caused primarily by weakness in the mining, construction and manufacturing industries. Mining employment fell by 1,000 during the month mainly due to continued layoffs in the copper industry. Also adversely affecting mining employment was the slowdown in oil and gas exploration activity. Oil and gas extraction lost 300 jobs during the month which is very unusual for May. The last two years oil and gas extraction has recorded job gains in the 400 to 600 range during this period.

Construction posted no change in employment this May when usually an 800 to 1,000 increase is expected. Manufacturing lost 300 jobs over the month, caused by employment reductions in the primary metal and apparel sectors. The primary metal manufacturing loss was in copper smelting.

The State's unemployment rate can be expected to move even higher next month, caused by additional layoffs in the copper and uranium industries and the usual influx of students and graduates into the labor market seeking employment.

The recent copper industry layoffs in New Mexico have been in the Silver City (Grant County) area and the unemployment estimates reveal the economic problems this area is experiencing. Between December 1981 and May 1982 the Grant County unemployment rate has risen from 7.6 to 33.7 percent.

MAY SUMMARY [1/]

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1982 | Apr 1982 | May 1981 | Apr 1982 | May 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 579,200 | 573,900 | 577,900 | +5,300 | + 1,300 |
| Employment | 526,600 | 529,200 | 537,000 | -2,600 | -10,400 |
| Unemployment | 52,600 | 44,700 | 40,900 | +7,900 | +11,700 |
| Rate *(Actual)* | 9.1 | 7.8 | 7.1 | | |

[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

## NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | Prelim | Revised | Revised | MAY | Change From |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAY | APR | MAY | APR | MAY |
| | 1982 | 1982 | 1981 | 1982 | 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 475,800 | 474,800 | 478,500 | +1,000 | -2,700 |
| MINING | 28,700 | 29,700 | 31,300 | -1,000 | -2,600 |
| Metal Mining | 6,800 | 7,500 | 9,900 | - 700 | -3,100 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,200 | 0 | + 100 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,600 | 16,900 | 16,200 | - 300 | + 400 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 32,100 | 32,100 | 33,700 | 0 | -1,600 |
| MANUFACTURING | 32,800 | 33,100 | 34,200 | - 300 | -1,400 |
| Durable Goods | 20,300 | 20,500 | 21,100 | - 200 | - 800 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,700 | 0 | - 700 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,800 | 3,700 | 3,500 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,800 | 0 | - 200 |
| Other Durable Goods | 10,900 | 11,200 | 11,100 | - 300 | - 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,500 | 12,600 | 13,100 | - 100 | - 600 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,100 | 3,200 | 3,600 | - 100 | - 500 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,700 | 0 | - 100 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 29,000 | 28,700 | 29,100 | + 300 | - 100 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2,500 | 2,300 | 3,000 | + 200 | - 500 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,600 | 0 | + 100 |
| Other Transportation | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Communication | 7,400 | 7,300 | 7,400 | + 100 | 0 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,300 | 0 | + 300 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 109,500 | 107,900 | 106,000 | +1,600 | +3,500 |
| Wholesale Trade | 23,200 | 23,000 | 22,500 | + 200 | + 700 |
| Durable Goods | 14,100 | 14,000 | 13,600 | + 100 | + 500 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,100 | 9,000 | 8,900 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 86,300 | 84,900 | 83,500 | +1,400 | +2,800 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10,600 | 10,500 | 10,400 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Food Stores | 12,700 | 12,600 | 11,900 | + 100 | + 800 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,500 | 11,600 | 12,000 | - 100 | - 500 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 30,500 | 29,400 | 28,300 | +1,100 | +2,200 |
| Other Retail Trade | 21,000 | 20,800 | 20,900 | + 200 | + 100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 22,200 | 22,000 | 21,600 | + 200 | + 600 |
| Banking | 7,700 | 7,600 | 7,400 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 9,100 | 9,000 | 8,800 | + 100 | + 300 |
| SERVICES | 95,300 | 94,300 | 94,600 | +1,000 | + 700 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 10,300 | 10,100 | 10,200 | + 200 | + 100 |
| Personal Services | 4,500 | 4,700 | 4,500 | - 200 | 0 |
| Business Services | 20,200 | 20,600 | 20,100 | - 400 | + 100 |
| Health Services | 23,600 | 23,300 | 21,900 | + 300 | +1,700 |
| Social Services | 6,900 | 6,700 | 9,700 | + 200 | -2,800 |
| Membership Organizations | 5,100 | 4,900 | 4,900 | + 200 | + 200 |
| Other Services | 24,700 | 24,000 | 23,300 | + 700 | +1,400 |
| GOVERNMENT | 126,200 | 127,000 | 128,000 | - 800 | -1,800 |
| Federal | 29,200 | 28,900 | 30,600 | + 300 | -1,400 |
| State 2/ | 43,400 | 44,600 | 44,300 | -1,200 | - 900 |
| Local | 53,600 | 53,500 | 53,100 | + 100 | + 500 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area's unemployment situation worsened during May according to preliminary labor force estimates. The number of unemployed in the Bernalillo/ Sandoval county area was 16,800 in May, up by 1,800 from April and 2,000 from May 1981. The unemployment rate rose over the month from 7.1 to 7.9 percent. Last May the Albuquerque area's jobless rate stood at 7.0 percent.

All major industries except Government reported modest seasonal job gains during May. Trade saw the largest monthly increase, up by 700 jobs from April. The services industry posted a 400 advance generally spread among lodging places, health, amusements and membership organizations. The construction increase of 200 jobs was somewhat below this industry's normal late spring expansion. Perhaps the most noteable employment movement for the month was the 300 increase in transportation caused mainly by the rehiring of previously laid off railroad workers. The Government job loss of 200 was caused by the beginning of summer layoffs of non-contract education employees in state and local government.

Over the year, the trade and services industries continued to report modest employment growth, while the remaining major job categories lost jobs. The largest job losses were in manufacturing, followed by construction and government.

MAY SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1982 | Apr 1982 | May 1981 | Apr 1982 | May 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 211,400 | 211,200 | 212,500 | + 200 | -1,100 |
| Employment | 194,600 | 196,200 | 197,700 | -1,600 | -3,100 |
| Unemployment | 16,800 | 15,000 | 14,800 | +1,800 | +2,000 |
| Rate | 7.9 | 7.1 | 7.0 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *MAY Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | MAY 1982 | APR 1982 | MAY 1981 | APR 1982 | MAY 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 190,100 | 188,600 | 189,700 | +1,500 | + 400 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11,700 | 11,500 | 12,400 | + 200 | - 700 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,900 | 16,900 | 17,900 | 0 | -1,000 |
| Durable Goods | 12,000 | 11,900 | 12,400 | + 100 | - 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,900 | 5,000 | 5,500 | - 100 | - 600 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,600 | 11,300 | 11,900 | + 300 | - 300 |
| Transportation | 5,300 | 5,000 | 5,500 | + 300 | - 200 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,100 | 0 | - 200 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 0 | + 100 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 48,900 | 48,200 | 47,500 | + 700 | +1,400 |
| Wholesale Trade | 13,800 | 13,700 | 13,200 | + 100 | + 600 |
| Durable Goods | 9,200 | 9,200 | 8,800 | 0 | + 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,400 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 35,100 | 34,500 | 34,300 | + 600 | + 800 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 3,800 | 3,900 | 4,000 | - 100 | - 200 |
| Food Stores | 4,100 | 4,000 | 4,000 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,200 | 0 | - 100 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 13,400 | 12,900 | 12,500 | + 500 | + 900 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,700 | 9,600 | 9,600 | + 100 | + 100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,000 | 10,900 | 11,000 | + 100 | 0 |
| Banking | 2,900 | 2,800 | 2,900 | + 100 | 0 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,700 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 47,300 | 46,900 | 45,600 | + 400 | +1,700 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,900 | 2,800 | 2,800 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Health Services | 11,400 | 11,300 | 10,400 | + 100 | +1,000 |
| Social Services | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,700 | 0 | - 100 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,600 | 1,500 | 1,700 | + 100 | - 100 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,800 | 28,700 | 28,000 | + 100 | + 800 |
| GOVERNMENT | 42,700 | 42,900 | 43,400 | - 200 | - 700 |
| Federal | 12,600 | 12,600 | 13,000 | 0 | - 400 |
| State | 11,900 | 12,000 | 11,800 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Local | 18,200 | 18,300 | 18,600 | - 100 | - 400 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

|  | *Prelim* MAY 1982 | *Revised* APR 1982 | *Revised* MAY 1981 | *MAY Change From* APR 1982 | MAY 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 30,850 | 31,350 | 30,400 | -500 | +450 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,650 | 1,775 | 1,900 | -125 | -250 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,725 | 2,700 | 2,550 | + 25 | +175 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,175 | 1,175 | 1,200 | 0 | - 25 |
| Transportation | 550 | 575 | 550 | - 25 | 0 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 625 | 600 | 650 | + 25 | - 25 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,800 | 5,775 | 5,450 | + 25 | +350 |
| Wholesale Trade | 900 | 900 | 925 | 0 | - 25 |
| Retail Trade | 4,900 | 4,875 | 4,525 | + 25 | +375 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 725 | 700 | 650 | + 25 | + 75 |
| Food Stores | 700 | 700 | 575 | 0 | +125 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 750 | 750 | 725 | 0 | + 25 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,725 | 1,725 | 1,650 | 0 | + 75 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,000 | 1,000 | 925 | 0 | + 75 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 3,950 | 4,175 | 4,000 | -225 | - 50 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 675 | 650 | 650 | + 25 | + 25 |
| Business Services | 725 | 725 | 750 | 0 | - 25 |
| Health Services | 725 | 700 | 675 | + 25 | + 50 |
| Social Services | 300 | 325 | 375 | - 25 | - 75 |
| Other Services | 1,525 | 1,775 | 1,550 | -250 | - 25 |
| GOVERNMENT | 14,325 | 14,525 | 14,075 | -200 | +250 |
| Federal | 4,425 | 4,350 | 4,425 | + 75 | 0 |
| State | 5,300 | 5,500 | 5,350 | -200 | - 50 |
| Local | 4,600 | 4,675 | 4,300 | - 75 | +300 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

|  | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |  |  | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |  |  | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | MAY 1982 | APR 1982 | MAY 1981 | MAY 1982 | APR 1982 | MAY 1981 | MAY 1982 | APR 1982 | MAY 1981 |
| NEW MEXICO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MINING | $460.53 | $463.95 | $419.69 | 43.0 | 43.4 | 44.6 | $10.71 | $10.69 | $9.41 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 423.23 | 358.80 | 384.93 | 38.9 | 34.6 | 39.0 | 10.88 | 10.37 | 9.87 |
| MANUFACTURING | 274.22 | 273.31 | 257.44 | 39.4 | 39.1 | 40.1 | 6.96 | 6.99 | 6.42 |
| Durable Goods | 297.53 | 300.60 | 273.38 | 39.2 | 39.5 | 40.5 | 7.59 | 7.61 | 6.75 |
| Nondurable Gds | 225.89 | 216.98 | 225.76 | 39.7 | 38.2 | 39.4 | 5.69 | 5.68 | 5.73 |
| COMM and UTIL | 367.02 | 369.56 | 350.28 | 40.6 | 40.7 | 41.7 | 9.04 | 9.08 | 8.40 |
| TRADE * | 240.30 | 245.70 | 236.51 | 35.6 | 35.2 | 35.3 | 6.75 | 6.98 | 6.70 |
| BANKING | 191.18 | 179.94 | 170.75 | 38.7 | 37.1 | 37.2 | 4.94 | 4.85 | 4.59 |
| ALBUQUERQUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing | $290.29 | $293.88 | $265.74 | 38.5 | 39.5 | 41.2 | $ 7.54 | $ 7.44 | $6.45 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

*Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

## STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

*ALBUQUERQUE AREA* - Intel Corporation officials announced plans to open their new semiconductor manufacturing plant in Rio Rancho in mid-1983. The new plant should employ approximately 200 workers when production begins. The Intel plant was completed in 1981; however the slump in the semiconductor industry has delayed start of production at the facility. Intel hopes to eventually employ 5,000 workers at the Rio Rancho plant. The new 414 room Marriott Hotel is scheduled to open July 20th. The hotel is expected to employ approximately 325 persons. Work has begun on a 152 bed nursing home in the Northeast Heights which will be operated by Four Seasons Nursing Centers Incorporated. Winrock Inn has announced plans to build an eight-story tower to the west of the inn which will contain 120 mini-suites. The low bidder on a $1.6 million renovation project for the Bernalillo County Courthouse was John R. Lavis Construction.

*ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA* - Kalil Bottling Company, the largest independent soft drink bottler in the Southwest, is locating a distribution facility in Alamogordo which will employ about 15 persons.

*ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA* - Elmac Corporation has announced it will reduce manufacturing operations at its Carlsbad mining equipment plant which will result in the layoff of 35 employees. Commercial Bank and Trust is locating a new 6,000 square foot branch in Carlsbad. Jay Roehl and Associates is planning to locate a 78 room motel and restaurant in Artesia. Plans have not been finalized but the firm wants to build the new motel on West Main Street. A second motel is being planned for Artesia by Dale Cooper. Plans call for a $2 million, 60 room facility which will be named Best Western Artesian Inn. The Bataan Bridge over the Pecos River will be rehabilitated at a cost of approximately $800,000. H & E Electric Supply Company plans to build a new facility on a 32 acre site in Carlsbad. The Department of Energy has announced that approximately $114.5 million in contracts are expected to be awarded from April 1983 through November 1986 for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project located near Carlsbad.

*CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA* - Rocky Mountain Ethanol Systems Incorporated has begun operating their $3 million ethanol plant near Clovis. Ware Produce Incorporated is constructing a potato packaging plant in Clovis which will employ 35 workers when it opens in July.

*ESPANOLA AREA* - Duke City Lumber Company has doubled production at its Hernandez lumber mill resulting in the addition of about 20 to their workforce. The mill had been operating on only a single shift since last August when 65 employees were laid off.

*FARMINGTON AREA* - A new $1.1 million warehouse type grocery store is being constructed in Farmington. The new facility will be the home of Sack N Save Warehouse Food and is expected to open in mid-July. Rio Grande Motorway, part of a regional freight trucking operation, has closed resulting in the layoff of 10 employees.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Santa Fe Industries has announced plans for a $140 million coal mining venture in the San Juan Basin. The new coal mine will be located 35 miles north of Grants and eventually employ a total of 400 persons. Construction of the mine is expected to begin this summer and mining operations should begin by early 1984. Homestake Mining Company is planning to close its Section 25 uranium mine near Grants on June 26th resulting in the layoff of 75 workers.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA - First Interstate Bank of Lea County recently opened its new $1.5 million Broadmoor branch in Hobbs. W. A. Jourdan Incorporated was low bidder of $4.6 million for the new Lea County Jail facility to be located in Lovington. M and M Rental Tools is expanding into a new $650,000 facility in Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Furtex West is closing its fabric manufacturing plant in Las Cruces. Company officials said 109 employees will be laid off due to the plant closure.

A $7 million US Air Force complex is under construction at NASA's test facility adjacent to White Sands Missile Range. The new complex will house about 200 Air Force personnel involved in support services for space shuttle missions and orbiting satellites. Work is scheduled to start soon on a 100,000 square foot shopping center located on North Main in Las Cruces. The new center, Cruces Norte, will contain large Albertson's and Revco Drug stores and space for about 24 other tenants. Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell, has announced plans to build a 40,000 square foot manufacturing plant north of Las Cruces. Micro Switch currently employs 40 workers at a leased plant in the city and the new facility should employ approximately 100 when it opens early next year.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Work is continuing by Cornell Incorporated of Clovis on the $4.9 million Acoma Research and Rehabilitation Unit at the State Hospital in Las Vegas. A new McDonalds franchise employing approximately 65 persons has opened in Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - Davis and Associates Incorporated of Santa Fe has been awarded a $3.6 million contract for construction of research facilities at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

RATON AREA - Approximately 100 workers at the York Canyon coal mine were temporarily laid off in mid-June. The mine was shutdown because of lack of coal demand related to the current slump in the copper industry. Peter Kewitt and Sons Construction Company were the low bidders of $2.7 million for a road repaving and improvement project on the York Canyon road.

ROSWELL AREA - Mountain Bell has announced that approximately 35 to 40 employees in Roswell will be transferred to other cities by mid-August. City of Roswell Building Inspector has reported building permits issued this May to be a 10-fold increase over May 1981.

*SANTA FE AREA* - A new four story retail office and restaurant complex is scheduled to be built in downtown Santa Fe. Two housing developments are being planned for the Santa Fe area. Developer Walton Chapman plans to build a 154 unit single-family housing development on Lower Agua Fria Road and developer Charles Klotsche wants to construct a luxury townhouse/single family residence project on a 146 acre tract northwest of Santa Fe. The total price of the Klotsche development would be in the $650,000 to $750,000 range.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - Kennecott Minerals Corporation suspended operations at their Chino mines Division on May 31st, resulting in the layoff of 350 workers. Kennecott previously laid off a total of 900 workers at their copper mine in March and early May. Employees at Phelps Dodge's copper smelter in Hidalgo county have agreed to take a 10 percent pay cut in order to avoid the layoffs which have plagued the copper industry. The Hidalgo smelter is the only property of Phelps Dodge still in production.

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CPI-W - 286.5

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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# OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY MAY 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED APRIL 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED MAY 1981 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| *STATEWIDE* | 579,219 | 526,619 | 52,600 | 9.1 | 573,939 | 529,220 | 44,719 | 7.8 | 577,957 | 537,046 | 40,911 | 7.1 |
| *ALBUQUERQUE SMSA* 2/ | 211,453 | 194,620 | 16,833 | 8.0 | 211,168 | 196,211 | 14,957 | 7.1 | 212,460 | 197,707 | 14,753 | 6.9 |
| *LAS CRUCES SMSA* 3/ | 36,976 | 33,156 | 3,820 | 10.3 | 36,529 | 33,492 | 3,037 | 8.3 | 36,879 | 33,747 | 3,132 | 8.5 |
| Catron | 957 | 829 | 128 | 13.4 | 914 | 773 | 141 | 15.4 | 960 | 899 | 61 | 6.4 |
| Chaves | 22,346 | 21,089 | 1,257 | 5.6 | 22,009 | 20,927 | 1,082 | 4.9 | 21,696 | 20,286 | 1,410 | 6.5 |
| Colfax | 6,570 | 6,099 | 471 | 7.2 | 6,075 | 5,702 | 373 | 6.1 | 6,445 | 6,127 | 318 | 4.9 |
| Curry | 14,204 | 13,446 | 758 | 5.3 | 14,225 | 13,508 | 717 | 5.0 | 14,452 | 13,638 | 814 | 5.6 |
| De Baca | 1,000 | 959 | 41 | 4.1 | 979 | 948 | 31 | 3.2 | 1,017 | 981 | 36 | 3.5 |
| Eddy | 23,553 | 22,057 | 1,496 | 6.4 | 23,228 | 22,005 | 1,223 | 5.3 | 22,718 | 21,741 | 977 | 4.3 |
| Grant | 12,731 | 8,435 | 4,296 | 33.7 | 12,019 | 9,539 | 2,480 | 20.6 | 10,809 | 10,141 | 668 | 6.2 |
| Guadalupe | 1,430 | 1,329 | 101 | 7.1 | 1,416 | 1,317 | 99 | 7.0 | 1,572 | 1,409 | 163 | 10.4 |
| Harding | 584 | 573 | 11 | 1.9 | 719 | 714 | 5 | 0.7 | 828 | 812 | 16 | 1.9 |
| Hidalgo | 2,509 | 2,247 | 262 | 10.4 | 2,598 | 2,312 | 286 | 11.0 | 2,561 | 2,410 | 151 | 5.9 |
| Lea | 33,932 | 32,580 | 1,352 | 4.0 | 34,014 | 32,741 | 1,273 | 3.7 | 31,320 | 30,547 | 773 | 2.5 |
| Lincoln | 7,303 | 7,111 | 192 | 2.6 | 6,552 | 6,374 | 178 | 2.7 | 6,854 | 6,654 | 200 | 2.9 |
| Los Alamos | 10,344 | 10,091 | 253 | 2.4 | 10,355 | 10,223 | 132 | 1.3 | 10,519 | 10,273 | 246 | 2.3 |
| Luna | 5,165 | 4,500 | 665 | 12.9 | 4,982 | 4,462 | 520 | 10.4 | 5,086 | 4,613 | 473 | 9.3 |
| McKinley | 18,967 | 16,596 | 2,371 | 12.5 | 18,754 | 16,830 | 1,924 | 10.3 | 19,408 | 17,374 | 2,034 | 10.5 |
| Mora | 1,108 | 727 | 381 | 34.4 | 1,039 | 711 | 328 | 31.6 | 1,107 | 772 | 335 | 30.3 |
| Otero | 13,632 | 12,570 | 1,062 | 7.8 | 13,632 | 12,572 | 1,060 | 7.8 | 13,727 | 12,796 | 931 | 6.8 |
| Quay | 5,292 | 4,909 | 383 | 7.2 | 5,042 | 4,690 | 352 | 7.0 | 5,059 | 4,752 | 307 | 6.1 |
| Rio Arriba | 11,023 | 8,745 | 2,278 | 20.7 | 11,067 | 8,841 | 2,226 | 20.1 | 10,773 | 8,943 | 1,830 | 17.0 |
| Roosevelt | 7,338 | 7,038 | 300 | 4.1 | 7,207 | 6,958 | 249 | 3.5 | 7,488 | 7,229 | 259 | 3.5 |
| San Juan | 39,620 | 35,782 | 3,838 | 9.7 | 39,454 | 36,285 | 3,169 | 8.0 | 40,341 | 37,117 | 3,224 | 8.0 |
| San Miguel | 8,532 | 7,530 | 1,002 | 11.7 | 8,468 | 7,578 | 890 | 10.5 | 8,429 | 7,546 | 883 | 10.5 |
| Santa Fe | 36,588 | 34,113 | 2,475 | 6.8 | 36,190 | 33,920 | 2,270 | 6.3 | 36,865 | 34,631 | 2,234 | 6.1 |
| Sierra | 2,693 | 2,583 | 110 | 4.1 | 2,685 | 2,582 | 103 | 3.8 | 3,109 | 3,022 | 87 | 2.8 |
| Socorro | 4,425 | 4,017 | 408 | 9.2 | 4,414 | 4,110 | 304 | 6.9 | 4,503 | 4,137 | 366 | 8.1 |
| Taos | 10,163 | 8,254 | 1,909 | 18.8 | 10,189 | 8,394 | 1,795 | 17.6 | 9,469 | 7,959 | 1,510 | 15.9 |
| Torrance | 2,276 | 2,157 | 119 | 5.2 | 2,257 | 2,146 | 111 | 4.9 | 2,235 | 2,191 | 44 | 2.0 |
| Union | 2,365 | 2,193 | 172 | 7.3 | 2,290 | 2,128 | 162 | 7.1 | 2,518 | 2,416 | 102 | 4.1 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 24,140 | 20,284 | 3,856 | 16.0 | 23,469 | 20,227 | 3,242 | 13.8 | 26,750 | 24,176 | 2,574 | 9.6 |

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.*

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Seasonal changes dominated New Mexico's labor force estimates this June as the number of unemployed increased sharply while total employment advanced moderately. A substantial rise in unemployment is normal for this time of year as students and graduates enter the labor force seeking temporary or permanent jobs. The State's unemployment rate was 10.2 percent in June, up from 9.1 percent in May and from 7.8 percent one year ago. The nationwide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.8 percent this June, compared with 9.1 percent in May and 7.7 percent in June 1981.

On the employment side, the summer tourist season and increased agricultural activity accounted for much of the moderate 30 day increase in jobs. Offsetting these gains somewhat were seasonal employment declines in education related state and local government and transportation.

Possibly the two most significant employment developments this June were the 900 job loss in mining and the unchanged employment in construction. The mining loss was caused by continued layoffs in the copper and uranium industries and by longer than usual vacation shutdowns at several potash mines in the Carlsbad area. The mining industry is now 4,400 jobs below its employment level one year ago. Construction normally can be expected to add a substantial number of jobs during the spring and early summer; however, these are not normal times for this industry. Since April construction employment has remained unchanged, and, largely as a result, the industry is showing 2,000 fewer jobs than in June 1981.

JUNE SUMMARY [1/]

| | Prel | Revised | | Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1982 | May 1982 | June 1981 | May 1982 | June 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 589,300 | 578,900 | 585,700 | +10,400 | + 3,600 |
| Employment | 529,300 | 526,400 | 540,200 | + 2,900 | -10,900 |
| Unemployment | 60,000 | 52,500 | 45,500 | + 7,500 | +14,500 |
| Rate (Actual) | 10.2 | 9.1 | 7.8 | | |

[1/] Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *JUN* | *Change From* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUN<br>1982 | MAY<br>1982 | JUN<br>1981 | MAY<br>1982 | JUN<br>1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 474,100 | 475,600 | 478,900 | -1,500 | -4,800 |
| MINING | 27,700 | 28,600 | 32,100 | - 900 | -4,400 |
| Metal Mining | 6,300 | 6,800 | 9,900 | - 500 | -3,600 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 4,700 | 5,300 | 5,600 | - 600 | - 900 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,700 | 16,500 | 16,600 | + 200 | + 100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 32,100 | 32,100 | 34,100 | 0 | -2,000 |
| MANUFACTURING | 33,000 | 32,900 | 34,500 | + 100 | -1,500 |
| Durable Goods | 20,300 | 20,400 | 21,300 | - 100 | -1,000 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,800 | 0 | - 800 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,400 | 0 | + 300 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,800 | 0 | - 200 |
| Other Durable Goods | 11,000 | 11,100 | 11,300 | - 100 | - 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,700 | 12,500 | 13,200 | + 200 | - 500 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 3,900 | 3,700 | 3,900 | + 200 | 0 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,100 | 3,200 | 3,600 | - 100 | - 500 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,700 | 5,600 | 5,700 | + 100 | 0 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 28,400 | 29,100 | 28,600 | - 700 | - 200 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2,500 | 2,600 | 3,000 | - 100 | - 500 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Transportation | 2,900 | 3,800 | 2,900 | - 900 | 0 |
| Communication | 7,500 | 7,400 | 7,500 | + 100 | 0 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,800 | 9,600 | 9,500 | + 200 | + 300 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 110,400 | 109,300 | 107,200 | +1,100 | +3,200 |
| Wholesale Trade | 23,300 | 23,100 | 22,900 | + 200 | + 400 |
| Durable Goods | 14,200 | 14,000 | 13,900 | + 200 | + 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,100 | 9,100 | 9,000 | 0 | + 100 |
| Retail Trade | 87,100 | 86,200 | 84,300 | + 900 | +2,800 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10,600 | 10,600 | 10,300 | 0 | + 300 |
| Food Stores | 12,800 | 12,700 | 11,900 | + 100 | + 900 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,500 | 11,500 | 12,200 | 0 | - 700 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 30,900 | 30,400 | 28,900 | + 500 | +2,000 |
| Other Retail Trade | 21,300 | 21,000 | 21,000 | + 300 | + 300 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 22,300 | 22,100 | 21,900 | + 200 | + 400 |
| Banking | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,400 | 0 | + 300 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,500 | 0 | - 100 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 9,200 | 9,000 | 9,000 | + 200 | + 200 |
| SERVICES | 97,900 | 95,400 | 96,800 | +2,500 | +1,100 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 10,800 | 10,300 | 10,700 | + 500 | + 100 |
| Personal Services | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Business Services | 20,400 | 20,200 | 20,200 | + 200 | + 200 |
| Health Services | 24,000 | 23,700 | 22,200 | + 300 | +1,800 |
| Social Services | 6,600 | 6,600 | 9,200 | 0 | -2,600 |
| Membership Organizations | 6,400 | 5,400 | 6,100 | +1,000 | + 300 |
| Other Services | 25,200 | 24,700 | 23,900 | + 500 | +1,300 |
| GOVERNMENT | 122,300 | 126,100 | 123,700 | -3,800 | -1,400 |
| Federal | 29,500 | 29,200 | 30,600 | + 300 | -1,100 |
| State 2/ | 40,100 | 43,400 | 41,000 | -3,300 | - 900 |
| Local | 52,700 | 53,500 | 52,100 | - 800 | + 600 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

As is usual in June, the increased number of students and graduates seeking summer or permanent employment substantially affected Albuquerque's unemployment estimate. Total unemployment rose by 2,200 during the month, boosting the unemployment rate over the month from 7.9 to 8.8 percent. The Albuquerque jobless rate, although high, remained considerably below the Statewide rate of 10.2 percent in June.

All major industries, with one exception, recorded normal seasonal employment movement during June. The exception was construction which saw a considerably smaller than normal increase. The large job losses in government and transportation were both the result of summer education related reductions.

Over the year, the only major industries continuing to show employment growth were trade and services. The fastest growing individual sectors were eating & drinking places, health services, and "other" services (includes sectors such as business services, legal services and amusements & recreation).

The largest job losses from last June were in manufacturing, government and construction. Although total manufacturing is down by 1,100 jobs, two individual manufacturing sectors have added jobs over the period. Electronic machinery and professional & scientific instruments have added a total of 500 jobs over the last 12 months. This is largely the result of new manufacturing firms in the area including Sperry Flight Systems, Signetics, Honeywell and Ethicon.

### JUNE SUMMARY [1/]

| | Prel | Revised | | Change From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1982 | May 1982 | June 1981 | May 1982 | June 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 215,200 | 211,400 | 214,800 | +3,800 | + 400 |
| Employment | 196,200 | 194,600 | 198,400 | +1,600 | -2,200 |
| Unemployment | 19,000 | 16,800 | 16,400 | +2,200 | +2,600 |
| Rate | 8.8 | 7.9 | 7.6 | | |

[1/] *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *JUN Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUN 1982 | MAY 1982 | JUN 1981 | MAY 1982 | JUN 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 189,600 | 189,800 | 189,700 | - 200 | - 100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 11,800 | 11,700 | 12,600 | + 100 | - 800 |
| MANUFACTURING | 17,000 | 16,800 | 18,100 | + 200 | -1,100 |
| Durable Goods | 12,100 | 11,900 | 12,500 | + 200 | - 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,900 | 4,900 | 5,600 | 0 | - 700 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,300 | 11,600 | 11,600 | - 300 | - 300 |
| Transportation | 5,000 | 5,300 | 5,200 | - 300 | - 200 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,100 | 0 | - 200 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 0 | + 100 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 49,300 | 48,900 | 47,800 | + 400 | +1,500 |
| Wholesale Trade | 14,000 | 13,800 | 13,300 | + 200 | + 700 |
| Durable Goods | 9,400 | 9,200 | 8,900 | + 200 | + 500 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,400 | 0 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 35,300 | 35,100 | 34,500 | + 200 | + 800 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 3,800 | 3,900 | 3,900 | - 100 | - 100 |
| Food Stores | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,300 | 0 | - 200 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 13,600 | 13,400 | 12,600 | + 200 | +1,000 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,800 | 9,700 | 9,700 | + 100 | + 100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,100 | 0 | - 100 |
| Banking | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,800 | 0 | - 100 |
| SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS | 47,700 | 47,200 | 46,000 | + 500 | +1,700 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 0 | + 100 |
| Health Services | 11,400 | 11,400 | 10,600 | 0 | + 800 |
| Social Services | 2,700 | 2,600 | 2,700 | + 100 | 0 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,800 | 1,600 | 1,800 | + 200 | 0 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,900 | 28,700 | 28,100 | + 200 | + 800 |
| GOVERNMENT | 41,500 | 42,600 | 42,500 | -1,100 | -1,000 |
| Federal | 12,700 | 12,600 | 13,000 | + 100 | - 300 |
| State | 10,200 | 11,800 | 10,600 | -1,600 | - 400 |
| Local | 18,600 | 18,200 | 18,900 | + 400 | - 300 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* JUN 1982 | *Revised* MAY 1982 | *Revised* JUN 1981 | *JUN Change From* MAY 1982 | JUN 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 30,200 | 30,950 | 29,125 | -750 | +1,075 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,800 | 1,675 | 2,000 | +125 | - 200 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,800 | 2,725 | 2,375 | + 75 | + 425 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,075 | 1,200 | 1,075 | -125 | 0 |
| Transportation | 425 | 575 | 425 | -150 | 0 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 650 | 625 | 650 | + 25 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,700 | 5,800 | 5,300 | -100 | + 400 |
| Wholesale Trade | 900 | 900 | 825 | 0 | + 75 |
| Retail Trade | 4,800 | 4,900 | 4,475 | -100 | + 325 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 725 | 725 | 600 | 0 | + 125 |
| Food Stores | 675 | 700 | 600 | - 25 | + 75 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 725 | 750 | 775 | - 25 | - 50 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,675 | 1,725 | 1,475 | - 50 | + 200 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,025 | 0 | - 25 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,250 | 1,225 | 1,250 | + 25 | 0 |
| SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS | 3,925 | 3,950 | 3,950 | - 25 | - 25 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 675 | 650 | - 25 | 0 |
| Business Services | 725 | 700 | 750 | + 25 | - 25 |
| Health Services | 725 | 725 | 650 | 0 | + 75 |
| Social Services | 325 | 325 | 475 | 0 | - 150 |
| Other Services | 1,500 | 1,525 | 1,425 | - 25 | + 75 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13,650 | 14,375 | 13,175 | -725 | + 475 |
| Federal | 4,450 | 4,425 | 4,250 | + 25 | + 200 |
| State | 4,575 | 5,350 | 4,675 | -775 | - 100 |
| Local | 4,625 | 4,600 | 4,250 | + 25 | + 375 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUN 1982 | MAY 1982 | JUN 1981 | JUN 1982 | MAY 1982 | JUN 1981 | JUN 1982 | MAY 1982 | JUN 1981 |
| **NEW MEXICO** | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $458.55 | $459.88 | $430.65 | 41.8 | 43.1 | 43.5 | $10.97 | $10.67 | $ 9.90 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 370.33 | 425.49 | 378.89 | 36.2 | 39.0 | 37.7 | 10.23 | 10.91 | 10.05 |
| MANUFACTURING | 277.38 | 275.10 | 259.26 | 39.4 | 39.3 | 40.7 | 7.04 | 7.00 | 6.37 |
| Durable Goods | 303.36 | 298.31 | 278.72 | 39.5 | 39.2 | 41.6 | 7.68 | 7.61 | 6.70 |
| Nondurable Gds | 224.22 | 226.55 | 220.17 | 39.2 | 39.4 | 38.9 | 5.72 | 5.75 | 5.66 |
| COMM and UTIL | 379.47 | 367.02 | 357.43 | 41.7 | 40.6 | 42.2 | 9.10 | 9.04 | 8.47 |
| TRADE * | 262.80 | 244.95 | 238.88 | 36.5 | 35.5 | 35.6 | 7.20 | 6.90 | 6.71 |
| BANKING | 184.84 | 188.93 | 171.49 | 37.8 | 38.4 | 37.2 | 4.89 | 4.92 | 4.61 |
| **ALBUQUERQUE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $294.78 | $296.77 | $264.04 | 39.2 | 39.1 | 41.0 | $ 7.52 | $ 7.59 | $6.44 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - The US Air Force will establish a Space Technology Center at Kirtland Air Force Base. The center will be staffed by 125 personnel who will be transferred from the Los Angeles Air Force Station.

Bradbury and Stamm Construction Company has begun work on a $2.8 million housing project in the North Barelas area of the South Valley. Work is continuing on the $10 million, five-story Transamerica Building in the Mid-Town area. The new office structure should be completed by mid-1983. Americare Southwest Incorporated has announced that work on the new $3.2 million, 120-bed nursing center in Rio Rancho is nearly complete and the facility should be opened by mid-August. Work is continuing on the $17 million retirement community, La Vida Llena, on a 16.9 acre site at Morris and Montgomery. The retirement complex is expected to be ready for occupancy by mid-1983 and will include 225 apartments and a 60-bed nursing center. Bradbury and Stamm Construction Company is building the retirement complex. Groundbreaking was held in early July for the $6.1 million computer center at Kirtland Air Force Base's weapons laboratory. The Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute is planning to build a new $4.5 million classroom facility beginning this fall. GTE Lenkurt is planning to transfer some manufacturing operations now done in California to its plants in Albuquerque and El Paso. The company did not disclose details of the transfer other than to say the move will have a positive effect on the Albuquerque operation.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - A new 122 room Motel Six has opened for business in Alamogordo. Developer Don Dorman is planning a large housing project in Ruidoso. The Grindstone Canyon Estates will include 220 single family homes, 88 townhouses, 220 condominiums, a 21 acre recreation area and a 14 acre conference center.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Four area potash mines, Amax, Potash Company of America, International Minerals and Kerr-McGee, shutdown for three weeks in June and Mississippi Chemical Corporation closed for two weeks in early July. Although some of the potash mines normally close during early summer for maintenance and vacation purposes this year's shutdowns were longer than usual due to the current weakness in the potash industry. On the bright side however are plans by International Minerals and Chemical Corporation to construct a $10 million access shaft at its Carlsbad potash mine. The new shaft should be completed by late 1983. The visitation at Carlsbad Caverns National Park for the first five months of 1982 was 233,490, a decrease of 13,000 from the same period in 1981. Dow Chemical Company has been issued $6 million in industrial revenue bonds to build an expanded oil field servicing facility in the Artesia Industrial Park. The improvement project is expected to have little effect on Dow Chemical's employment in Artesia.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - The new 32,000 square foot Smiths Food and Drug Store in Valencia opened in mid-June.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Hatch Packing Company in Portales, which closed in April, has reopened employing approximately 30 persons. Curran-Houston Incorporated, the contractors for the ARCO CO2 pipeline, has set up office operations in Clovis in order to supervise construction of the project through the Curry County area. The completed pipeline will transport carbon dioxide from Sheep Mountain, Colorado to the Wasson, Texas area for use in an oil recovery process. Approximately 300 people are employed by Curran-Houston on the project.

ESPANOLA AREA - McReynolds Construction Company has been awarded a $720,000 contract for a bridge over the Santa Cruz River.

FARMINGTON AREA - Public Service Company of New Mexico has begun the first phase of an approximately $15 million project at the San Juan Generating Station. The project will involve replacing eight mills in Units 1 and 2 and should be completed by mid-1984. The project is expected to create 80 jobs for millwrights, pipefitters, machine operators and electricians.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Western Nuclear Incorporated closed its uranium mine in McKinley county in mid-July due to the deepening weakness in the spot market for uranium. Western Nuclear employed approximately 100 persons at their New Mexico mine. Kerr McGee Corporation has placed its Lee uranium mine on standby basis, resulting in the layoff of about 50 workers. Work is continuing on the Plains Electric Generation and Transmittion Cooperative plant in Prewitt. Currently, approximately 800 workers are employed on the project which should be completed in late 1983.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA - General Telephone Company of the Southwest is moving its Western Division Operations Headquarters from Brownfield, Texas to Hobbs. The entire division, which extends from Carlsbad to Amarillo, will have a total of 925 employees.

Norte Vista Medical Center is planning a $420,000 surgical center which will be constructed as an addition to Norte Vista's existing facility in Hobbs. Lovington and Cortez, Colorado have been chosen as "staging areas" for the 30" CO2 pipeline being planned by Cortez Pipeline Company, a partnership of Shell Oil Company, Mobil Oil Company and Continental Resources Company. The estimated $70 million pipeline will run from Southwestern Colorado to the Denver City, Texas area. Work will begin immediately on the project by two crews, one based in Cortez and the other in Lovington. Approximately 200 workers are expected to operate out of the Lovington office. Willbros Energy Services Company of Tulsa was awarded the construction contract for the pipeline. The Permian Servicing Company is planning a new 13,700 square foot office building in Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Work has started on the new Tri-Color Corporation plant located in the Las Cruces industrial park. The Tri-Color Corporation plant will house a scales and clock assembly operation which should employ approximately 60 workers. A greenhouse enterprise, Vashon Industries, is planning to construct a plant near Las Cruces this fall which would employ about 30 persons. Vashon, a rose growing operation, has tenatively chosen a site near Radium Springs for their facility. Work is on schedule on the $31.5 million medium security prison west of Las Cruces. The facility should be complete by June 1983 and employ approximately 265 persons.

LAS VEGAS AREA - The city of Las Vegas has authorized two large industrial revenue bond issuances. One issuance is for the $5 million Northeastern Regional Hospital expansion project. The project will involve expansion of the hospital by 20,000 square feet and is expected to be completed by early 1984. Also authorized was up to $2 million in revenue bonds for the renovation project at the historic Plaza Hotel.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - Work has begun on a $18 million, 46,000 square foot detonator facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The complex is expected to be completed in 1984.

*RATON AREA* - The CF and I Allen coal mine in Weston, Colorado closed for an indefinite period in mid-July. Approximately 45 Raton area miners were employed at the Allen mine. Kaiser Steel Corporation closed its York Canyon coal mine near Raton for one week in early July. Approximately 230 miners are employed at the York Canyon mine.

*ROSWELL AREA* - Bredero American Coaters Incorporated has opened its 9,000 square foot plant at the Roswell Industrial Air Center. The plant will employ approximately 35 persons coating pipe to be used on the Cortez Pipeline Company CO2 pipeline which will run from Southwestern Colorado to Denver City, Texas. The Bredero plant should be in operation for approximately nine months. J. P. White Industries Incorporated has announced a $1 million expansion project at the company's feed mill east of Roswell.

*SANTA FE AREA* - Burns-Peters Group and Boehning, Protz, Cook and Pogue were selected to design a $14.7 million state office building in Santa Fe to house the Health and Environment Department and Corrections Department.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - Quintana Mining Corporation laid off 200 workers at their copper mine near Hillsboro in late June. Quintana had begun mining operations at their new facility only late last year; however, the current depressed copper market forced the layoff. Kennecott Corporation has recalled 45 of its 1,200 laid off employees to begin an equipment training program at its Chino copper mine and mill.

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June 1982 CPI-U - 290.6
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CPI-W - 290.1

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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## OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY JUNE 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED MAY 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED JUNE 1981 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 589,304 | 529,294 | 60,010 | 10.2 | 578,957 | 526,428 | 52,529 | 9.1 | 585,625 | 540,171 | 45,454 | 7.8 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 215,246 | 196,222 | 19,024 | 8.8 | 211,385 | 194,561 | 16,824 | 8.0 | 214,810 | 198,419 | 16,391 | 7.6 |
| LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/ | 37,162 | 32,942 | 4,220 | 11.4 | 37,121 | 33,301 | 3,820 | 10.3 | 35,901 | 32,736 | 3,165 | 8.8 |
| Catron | 1,023 | 889 | 134 | 13.1 | 956 | 830 | 126 | 13.2 | 1,068 | 881 | 187 | 17.5 |
| Chaves | 22,720 | 21,195 | 1,525 | 6.7 | 22,364 | 21,108 | 1,256 | 5.6 | 21,842 | 20,319 | 1,523 | 7.0 |
| Colfax | 7,387 | 6,809 | 578 | 7.8 | 6,578 | 6,105 | 473 | 7.2 | 7,281 | 6,907 | 374 | 5.1 |
| Curry | 14,606 | 13,689 | 917 | 6.3 | 14,212 | 13,459 | 753 | 5.3 | 14,617 | 13,721 | 896 | 6.1 |
| De Baca | 1,024 | 985 | 39 | 3.8 | 1,001 | 960 | 41 | 4.1 | 1,046 | 1,021 | 25 | 2.4 |
| Eddy | 23,743 | 21,611 | 2,132 | 9.0 | 23,575 | 22,077 | 1,498 | 6.4 | 23,428 | 22,084 | 1,344 | 5.7 |
| Grant | 12,898 | 7,748 | 5,150 | 39.9 | 12,773 | 8,443 | 4,330 | 33.9 | 11,081 | 10,368 | 713 | 6.4 |
| Guadalupe | 1,494 | 1,373 | 121 | 8.1 | 1,430 | 1,331 | 99 | 6.9 | 1,589 | 1,419 | 170 | 10.7 |
| Harding | 629 | 597 | 32 | 5.1 | 585 | 574 | 11 | 1.9 | 829 | 812 | 17 | 2.1 |
| Hidalgo | 2,583 | 2,293 | 290 | 11.2 | 2,514 | 2,249 | 265 | 10.5 | 2,605 | 2,474 | 131 | 5.0 |
| Lea | 34,346 | 32,842 | 1,504 | 4.4 | 33,935 | 32,610 | 1,325 | 3.9 | 32,446 | 31,365 | 1,081 | 3.3 |
| Lincoln | 7,963 | 7,740 | 223 | 2.8 | 7,309 | 7,117 | 192 | 2.6 | 7,699 | 7,423 | 276 | 3.6 |
| Los Alamos | 10,428 | 10,226 | 202 | 1.9 | 10,349 | 10,100 | 249 | 2.4 | 10,829 | 10,449 | 380 | 3.5 |
| Luna | 5,243 | 4,528 | 715 | 13.6 | 5,161 | 4,504 | 657 | 12.7 | 5,103 | 4,554 | 549 | 10.8 |
| McKinley | 19,128 | 16,407 | 2,721 | 14.2 | 18,970 | 16,611 | 2,359 | 12.4 | 20,002 | 17,616 | 2,386 | 11.9 |
| Mora | 1,165 | 768 | 397 | 34.1 | 1,105 | 727 | 378 | 34.2 | 1,140 | 824 | 316 | 27.7 |
| Otero | 14,167 | 12,952 | 1,215 | 8.6 | 13,638 | 12,581 | 1,057 | 7.8 | 13,885 | 12,850 | 1,035 | 7.5 |
| Quay | 5,393 | 4,953 | 440 | 8.2 | 5,292 | 4,914 | 378 | 7.1 | 5,176 | 4,900 | 276 | 5.3 |
| Rio Arriba | 11,121 | 8,783 | 2,338 | 21.0 | 11,018 | 8,753 | 2,265 | 20.6 | 10,774 | 8,877 | 1,897 | 17.6 |
| Roosevelt | 6,960 | 6,683 | 277 | 4.0 | 7,342 | 7,045 | 297 | 4.0 | 6,904 | 6,696 | 208 | 3.0 |
| San Juan | 39,775 | 34,943 | 4,832 | 12.1 | 39,085 | 35,265 | 3,820 | 9.8 | 40,396 | 36,596 | 3,800 | 9.4 |
| San Miguel | 8,144 | 7,085 | 1,059 | 13.0 | 8,534 | 7,537 | 997 | 11.7 | 8,104 | 7,221 | 883 | 10.9 |
| Santa Fe | 37,996 | 35,275 | 2,721 | 7.2 | 36,611 | 34,143 | 2,468 | 6.7 | 38,381 | 35,892 | 2,489 | 6.5 |
| Sierra | 2,777 | 2,673 | 104 | 3.7 | 2,694 | 2,586 | 108 | 4.0 | 3,203 | 3,059 | 144 | 4.5 |
| Socorro | 4,484 | 4,007 | 477 | 10.6 | 4,434 | 4,020 | 414 | 9.3 | 4,459 | 4,057 | 402 | 9.0 |
| Taos | 10,706 | 8,778 | 1,928 | 18.0 | 10,171 | 8,261 | 1,910 | 18.8 | 9,715 | 8,334 | 1,381 | 14.2 |
| Torrance | 2,359 | 2,227 | 132 | 5.6 | 2,274 | 2,159 | 115 | 5.1 | 2,317 | 2,267 | 50 | 2.2 |
| Union | 2,381 | 2,192 | 189 | 7.9 | 2,371 | 2,195 | 176 | 7.4 | 2,566 | 2,483 | 83 | 3.2 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 24,253 | 19,879 | 4,374 | 18.0 | 24,170 | 20,302 | 3,868 | 16.0 | 26,429 | 23,547 | 2,882 | 10.9 |

*1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

*2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

*3/ Dona Ana County.*

*4/ Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.*

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# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation continued to worsen during July according to preliminary estimates. The number of unemployed grew by 300 during July, a month which normally sees a moderate reduction from June's seasonal peak. Total unemployed in New Mexico stood at 60,000 in July, 18,800 higher than a year ago.

The State's unemployment rate was 10.1 percent, unchanged from the revised June figure but considerably higher than the July 1981 rate of 7.1 percent. The nationwide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this July was 9.8 percent, unchanged from June but up from 7.3 percent one year ago.

The most significant over-the-month nonfarm employment changes were in the manufacturing, mining and construction industries.

Manufacturing lost 400 jobs, caused by layoffs in the electronic equipment sector and by the closing of a major textile firm, Furtex Incorporated of Las Cruces.

New Mexico's mining industry continued to experience severe problems during July. Metal mining lost 400 jobs as several additional uranium producers curtailed operations and the last operating copper mine in the state, Quintana Minerals near Hillsboro, closed. Mining and milling operations at New Mexico's four major copper producers, Kennecott, Phelps Dodge, Sharon Steel and Quintana, are not expected to resume until prices for the red metal increase. The slowdown in oil and gas extraction, which began the first part of this year, continued and the sector declined by 300 jobs during July. The increase in nonmetallic mining was caused by the return to work of potash miners after longer than usual June vacation shutdowns. The depressed building industry recorded only a minor 100 job gain during July, considerably less than normally expected during the period. Bechtel Corporation has been winding down the large expansion project at Kennecott's copper mill near Silver City, which has has a definite moderating effect on construction employment this spring and summer. At its peak, the Bechtel project employed approximately 2200 persons.

The government employment loss of 3100 jobs this July, although large, was seasonal in nature since it was caused by normal summer furloughs at state and local educational institutions.

JULY SUMMARY [1/]

| | Prel | Revised | | Changed From | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July 1982 | June 1982 | July 1981 | June 1982 | July 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 596,400 | 589,400 | 580,700 | + 7,000 | +15,700 |
| Employment | 536,400 | 529,700 | 539,500 | + 6,700 | - 3,100 |
| Unemployment | 60,000 | 59,700 | 41,200 | + 300 | +18,800 |
| Rate | 10.1 | 10.1 | 7.1 | | |

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[1/] Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

|  | Prelim | Revised | Revised | JUL | Change From |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | JUL | JUN | JUL | JUN | JUL |
|  | 1982 | 1982 | 1981 | 1982 | 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 471,800 | 474,500 | 475,900 | -2,700 | -4,100 |
| MINING | 27,300 | 27,600 | 31,700 | - 300 | -4,400 |
| Metal Mining | 5,800 | 6,200 | 9,200 | - 400 | -3,400 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,200 | 4,800 | 5,700 | + 400 | - 500 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,300 | 16,600 | 16,800 | - 300 | - 500 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 32,300 | 32,200 | 34,200 | + 100 | -1,900 |
| MANUFACTURING | 32,600 | 33,000 | 34,400 | - 400 | -1,800 |
| Durable Goods | 20,300 | 20,400 | 21,300 | - 100 | -1,000 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,100 | 2,000 | 2,800 | + 100 | - 700 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,500 | 3,700 | 3,500 | - 200 | 0 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 0 | - 100 |
| Other Durable Goods | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,200 | 0 | - 200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,300 | 12,600 | 13,100 | - 300 | - 800 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,900 | 0 | - 100 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 2,900 | 3,200 | 3,600 | - 300 | - 700 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 0 | 0 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 28,200 | 28,400 | 28,600 | - 200 | - 400 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2,500 | 2,500 | 3,000 | 0 | - 500 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,600 | 5,700 | 5,700 | - 100 | - 100 |
| Other Transportation | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,800 | 0 | + 200 |
| Communication | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,500 | 0 | - 100 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,700 | 9,800 | 9,600 | - 100 | + 100 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 110,700 | 110,400 | 107,700 | + 300 | +3,000 |
| Wholesale Trade | 23,400 | 23,300 | 23,000 | + 100 | + 400 |
| Durable Goods | 14,200 | 14,100 | 13,900 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,100 | 0 | + 100 |
| Retail Trade | 87,300 | 87,100 | 84,700 | + 200 | +2,600 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 10,600 | 10,700 | 10,500 | - 100 | + 100 |
| Food Stores | 12,700 | 12,700 | 12,000 | 0 | + 700 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,600 | 11,500 | 12,100 | + 100 | - 500 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 30,900 | 30,900 | 29,000 | 0 | +1,900 |
| Other Retail Trade | 21,500 | 21,300 | 21,100 | + 200 | + 400 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 22,500 | 22,300 | 22,000 | + 200 | + 500 |
| Banking | 7,800 | 7,700 | 7,500 | + 100 | + 300 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,500 | 0 | - 100 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 9,300 | 9,200 | 9,000 | + 100 | + 300 |
| SERVICES | 98,600 | 97,900 | 97,200 | + 700 | +1,400 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 11,100 | 10,600 | 11,100 | + 500 | 0 |
| Personal Services | 4,500 | 4,600 | 4,500 | - 100 | 0 |
| Business Services | 20,500 | 20,400 | 20,300 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Health Services | 23,600 | 24,000 | 22,400 | - 400 | +1,200 |
| Social Services | 6,900 | 6,700 | 8,900 | + 200 | -2,000 |
| Membership Organizations | 6,900 | 6,500 | 6,200 | + 400 | + 700 |
| Other Services | 25,100 | 25,100 | 23,800 | 0 | +1,300 |
| GOVERNMENT | 119,600 | 122,700 | 120,100 | -3,100 | - 500 |
| Federal | 29,800 | 29,600 | 30,700 | + 200 | - 900 |
| State 2/ | 39,300 | 39,900 | 40,600 | - 600 | -1,300 |
| Local | 50,500 | 53,200 | 48,800 | -2,700 | +1,700 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

As was also the case statewide, unemployment in the Albuquerque area fared rather poorly during July. The number of jobless failed to decline from the seasonal June peak as is the normal trend, causing the unemployment rate to remain unchanged over the month at 8.8 percent. The Statewide unemployment rate during July was 10.1 percent while the U.S. jobless rate was 9.8 percent. The number of unemployed in Albuquerque was an estimated 19,300, up by 3,900 or 25 percent from one year ago. For comparison purposes, statewide unemployment showed an increase of 46 percent while nationwide unemployment grew by 36 percent from July 1981 to July 1982.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Albuquerque showed a 1,000 loss during July, with reductions in government, manufacturing and services offset partially by a seasonal increase in construction. Perhaps the most significant monthly change was the manufacturing loss of 200 jobs. A layoff at a major firm in durable goods, specifically in electronic equipment, was the major cause of the employment reduction. As of this July, manufacturing was 1,400 jobs below the employment level one year previous, and the largest losses were in apparel, transportation equipment and food manufacturing.

On somewhat of an encouraging note, construction reported 300 additional jobs during July, an improvement over the showing by the industry during the previous few months. Significant reductions in mortgage interest rates will be needed before any real improvement is seen in the building industry, however.

JULY SUMMARY [1/]

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July 1982 | June 1982 | July 1981 | June 1982 | July 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 218,200 | 215,500 | 213,100 | +2,700 | +5,100 |
| Employment | 198,900 | 196,500 | 197,700 | +2,400 | +1,200 |
| Unemployment | 19,300 | 19,000 | 15,400 | + 300 | +3,900 |
| Rate | 8.8 | 8.8 | 7.2 | | |

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1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *JUL Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUL 1982 | JUN 1982 | JUL 1981 | JUN 1982 | JUL 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 188,700 | 189,700 | 188,700 | -1,000 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 12,100 | 11,800 | 12,600 | + 300 | - 500 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,700 | 16,900 | 18,100 | - 200 | -1,400 |
| Durable Goods | 11,800 | 11,900 | 12,500 | - 100 | - 700 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,900 | 5,000 | 5,600 | - 100 | - 700 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,200 | 11,300 | 11,700 | - 100 | - 500 |
| Transportation | 4,800 | 4,900 | 5,300 | - 100 | - 500 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,100 | 0 | - 200 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,300 | 0 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 49,300 | 49,300 | 47,900 | 0 | +1,400 |
| Wholesale Trade | 14,100 | 14,000 | 13,400 | + 100 | + 700 |
| Durable Goods | 9,400 | 9,400 | 8,900 | 0 | + 500 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,700 | 4,600 | 4,500 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 35,200 | 35,300 | 34,500 | - 100 | + 700 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 3,900 | 3,900 | 4,000 | 0 | - 100 |
| Food Stores | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,400 | 0 | - 300 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 13,400 | 13,600 | 12,500 | - 200 | + 900 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,800 | 9,700 | 9,600 | + 100 | + 200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,100 | 11,000 | 11,100 | + 100 | 0 |
| Banking | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,800 | 4,700 | 4,800 | + 100 | 0 |
| SERVICES and MINING | 47,700 | 47,900 | 46,100 | - 200 | +1,600 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 3,100 | 2,900 | 2,800 | + 200 | + 300 |
| Health Services | 11,300 | 11,500 | 10,800 | - 200 | + 500 |
| Social Services | 2,800 | 2,700 | 2,600 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,700 | 29,000 | 28,100 | - 300 | + 600 |
| GOVERNMENT | 40,600 | 41,500 | 41,200 | - 900 | - 600 |
| Federal | 12,700 | 12,600 | 13,000 | + 100 | - 300 |
| State | 9,900 | 10,300 | 10,400 | - 400 | - 500 |
| Local | 18,000 | 18,600 | 17,800 | - 600 | + 200 |

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1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

# LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* JUL 1982 | *Revised* JUN 1982 | *Revised* JUL 1981 | *JUL Change From* JUN 1982 | JUL 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 29,625 | 30,150 | 28,550 | -525 | +1,075 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,700 | 1,750 | 1,875 | - 50 | - 175 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,550 | 2,750 | 2,450 | -200 | + 100 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,075 | 1,100 | +125 | + 100 |
| Transportation | 550 | 425 | 450 | +125 | + 100 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 650 | 650 | 650 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,725 | 5,700 | 5,375 | + 25 | + 350 |
| Wholesale Trade | 900 | 900 | 850 | 0 | + 50 |
| Retail Trade | 4,825 | 4,800 | 4,525 | + 25 | + 300 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 700 | 700 | 650 | 0 | + 50 |
| Food Stores | 700 | 700 | 575 | 0 | + 125 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 750 | 750 | 775 | 0 | - 25 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,700 | 1,675 | 1,525 | + 25 | + 175 |
| Other Retail Trade | 975 | 975 | 1,000 | 0 | - 25 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES & MINING | 3,975 | 3,975 | 3,950 | 0 | + 25 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 625 | 650 | 625 | - 25 | 0 |
| Business Services | 725 | 700 | 775 | + 25 | - 50 |
| Health Services | 725 | 725 | 650 | 0 | + 75 |
| Social Services | 350 | 325 | 475 | + 25 | - 125 |
| Other Services & Mining | 1,550 | 1,575 | 1,425 | - 25 | + 125 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13,225 | 13,650 | 12,550 | -425 | + 675 |
| Federal | 4,500 | 4,450 | 4,300 | + 50 | + 200 |
| State | 4,325 | 4,600 | 4,450 | -275 | - 125 |
| Local | 4,400 | 4,600 | 3,800 | -200 | + 600 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JUL 1982 | JUN 1982 | JUL 1981 | JUL 1982 | JUN 1982 | JUL 1981 | JUL 1982 | JUN 1982 | JUL 1981 |
| **NEW MEXICO** | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $476.98 | $462.31 | $447.78 | 43.8 | 41.8 | 43.9 | $10.89 | $11.06 | $10.20 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 396.81 | 375.95 | 382.88 | 37.9 | 36.5 | 37.5 | 10.47 | 10.30 | 10.21 |
| MANUFACTURING | 278.91 | 281.87 | 260.40 | 38.9 | 39.7 | 40.0 | 7.17 | 7.10 | 6.51 |
| Durable Goods | 300.67 | 309.97 | 279.48 | 38.4 | 40.1 | 41.1 | 7.83 | 7.73 | 6.80 |
| Nondurable Gds | 231.64 | 225.03 | 220.55 | 39.8 | 39.0 | 37.7 | 5.82 | 5.77 | 5.85 |
| COMM and UTIL | 379.54 | 367.43 | 354.90 | 41.8 | 41.1 | 42.3 | 9.08 | 8.94 | 8.39 |
| TRADE * | 251.62 | 255.92 | 232.63 | 36.1 | 36.3 | 35.9 | 6.97 | 7.05 | 6.48 |
| BANKING | 184.13 | 184.84 | 172.41 | 37.5 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 4.91 | 4.89 | 4.61 |
| **ALBUQUERQUE** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $291.83 | $298.29 | $262.68 | 37.9 | 39.3 | 40.6 | $ 7.70 | $ 7.59 | $ 6.47 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

## STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Work has begun on a 33,000 square foot shopping center in Rio Rancho being developed by Hawkins and Associates. Several groups, including Vista Sandia Hospital, Charter Medical Corporation, Anna Kaseman Hospital and Hospital Corporation of America have filed applications with the State Health Systems Agency to build new psychiatric units in Albuquerque. However, the State Health Agency is expected to grant only one group the permission to locate a new facility. Brown Construction Company was awarded a $5.7 million contract for a highway project on Interstate 25 in Sandoval County. Sparton Southwest Incorporated has been given a $5 million Defense Department Contract to build control equipment for the B52 bomber. The firm is expected to hire about 20 additional workers as a result of the contract. Sparton currently employs 550 workers at its two Albuquerque plants. Preliminary plans have been released for the 176,000 square foot 7-Bar Shopping Center to be located on North Coors Road. The new shopping facility will contain an Allwoods Home Improvement Center, a major grocery store, and at least five fast food establishments. Affiliated Mortagage and Development Company (AMDEC) has proposed locating a large office park on 280 acres in the far Northeast Heights at the intersection of Eubank and Academy. AMDEC's plans call for 2 million square feet of office space, 64,000 square feet of small shops and restaurants and an 8,000 square foot child care center. Before the center can be built, an amendment to the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan is necessary and AMDEC officials are hopeful that city planning commissioners will hear their request in September.

ALAMOGORDO AREA - During the first two quarters of the fiscal year 1982, Holloman AFB spent $9.5 million in New Mexico, with $3.6 million going to Alamogordo businesses and $3.5 million to Las Cruces firms. A new McDonalds restaurant recently opened in Ruidoso. A new bank, First City National Bank, also has opened its doors in Ruidoso.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - The Loving School Board is looking at the possibility of building a high school in Loving. School officials said a new facility would cost in the neighborhood of $1.5 million. A new Furrs Cafeteria on South Canal Street in Carlsbad is expected to open in late August or early September. First City National Bank opened its new Artesia facility at the end of July.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Awtry Enterprises Incorporated has announced plans to move a fuel alcohol plant presently located in Friona, Texas to Clovis. The 900,000 gallon per year plant could be in operation by the end of September and should employ five to six persons. Springer Construction Company recently completed work on the new $1.6 million physical education complex at Melrose High School. Hatch Packing Company in Portales is planning to expand their operations over the next several months which could mean an additional 75 employees at their plant.

ESPANOLA AREA - Espanola Hospital administrators have applied for a state certificate of need from the Health Planning Agency to build a $12.3 million, 60,000 square foot extension at the hospital facilities.

FARMINGTON AREA - The first store opening in the new Animas Valley Mall in Farmington occurred when Sears opened its doors on August 11th. Most of the mall is scheduled to open September 29th, at which time two additional department stores, Bealls and La Belles, and approximately 50 smaller shops will be opened for business. A Dillards department store should open in the mall by this October and a J.C. Penney store is scheduled to open in March of 1983. Work will start in late September on the San Juan County segment of a CO2 pipeline which will run from southwest Colorado to west Texas, crossing diagonally across New Mexico. The pipeline will be operated by Cortez Pipeline Company, a partnership of Shell Oil Company, Mobil Oil Company and Continental Resources Company. The San Juan County segment is expected to take approximately two months to complete and employ about 400 workers.

*GALLUP/GRANTS AREA* - Kerr McGee Corporation has reduced uranium production at its mining and milling operations near Grants and Churchrock. Approximately 460 workers or 30 percent of Kerr McGee's new Mexico miners were laid off at the end of July. Mobil Oil Corporation has applied for a state air quality improvement permit in order to build a new in-site uranium leaching facility near Crownpoint. No date was given for starting construction on the project. Work on the new $19 million state prison, to be located near Grants, is expected to begin early this fall. Contract bids for the project will be awarded in six stages with earth moving and installation of utilities scheduled to begin in September. The prison should be completed by the spring of 1984 at which time approximately 270 workers will be employed full time at the facility.

*HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA* - Work was completed in early August on the $1.5 million Hobbs City Hall. W.A. Jourdan Construction Company was awarded a $2.3 million contract to build a new elementary school in Hobbs. The new Village Inn Pancake House at the North 40 shopping center is scheduled to open in mid-September and employ 30 persons. A new $200,000 Peking Chinese restaurant employing 30 persons will open in September. Lea County still leads all counties in the Permian Basin in oil drilling rigs in operation; however, the county's current count of 26 rigs was only one half of the number operating in the comparable week in 1981.

*LAS CRUCES AREA* - Construction is underway on a new 110 bed nursing home next to Sierra Vista Hospital in Truth or Consenquences. The new center will be operated by Care More Incorporated and is being constructed by Atlas Construction Company. The new 66,000 square foot J.C. Penney department store in Mesilla Valley Mall opened in late July. The new store employed 135 workers, about 35 of whom were hired temporarily for the opening. Work is continuing on the $5 million Barelas Avenue bridge project. Renovation of the bridge began in July and will continue until December 1983. The city of Las Cruces has begun negotiations to acquire 30 acres of Bureau of Land Management Land near the city airport for what officials hope will be a foreign trade zone. Foreign trade zones are attractive to industries because no customs duties are charged for items brought into the zones for manufacturing purposes. Piper Hydro Drilling Incorporated is planning to locate a water well drilling rig manufacturing plant near Santa Teresa at the southern end of Dona Ana County. The Piper Hydro plant would employ about 80 persons. El Paso Plating Works officials are considering moving the company's plant which employs approximately 50 persons to the Santa Teresa Industrial Park.

*LAS VEGAS AREA* - Bradbury and Stamm of Albuquerque and Franken Construction Company of Las Vegas have begun work on the $1 million expansion project at Northeastern Regional Hospital in Las Vegas.

*LOS ALAMOS AREA* - Work is underway on a $1 million, 12,000 square foot medical office building next to the Los Alamos Medical Center. The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded a $447,000 contract to Snider-Chapman Construction Company of Santa Fe for the construction of a solar collector array at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

*RATON AREA* - The H.W. Houston Construction Company was awarded a $1.9 million contract to build a vocational education addition and a new gym-cafeteria at McWell High School.

*ROSWELL AREA* - Somerville Corporation, a Connecticut based firm, is proceeding with its plans to build a large shopping center on 60 acres of land at North Main Street and Pine Lodge Road in Roswell. The firm intially proposed the shopping center two years age but later withdrew its city application. Details on the planned shopping center were not made public by company officials.

*SANTA FE AREA* - Work is expected to get underway this fall on the estimated $43 million expansion project at the State Penitentiary south of Santa Fe. The project is expected to be complete in 1984. Developers Jay Roehl and Associates have received initial approval for their request for $8.2 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds to finance construction of a 220 unit hotel on Cerrillos Road. The developers said the new hotel would be built on a 4.8 acre site and employ 120 to 200 persons.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - A 40,000 square foot T.G. and Y. Family Center opened for business in Silver City. A new Albertson's food store, employing approximately 70 persons, is scheduled to open in September. According to a random survey of Grant County businesses compiled by the Silver City Daily Press, sales in the second quarter of this year were off from five to thirty percent when compared to 1981.

*TAOS AREA* - According to local merchants, tourism in the Taos area this summer has been good although the buying habits of visitors were changed. Tourists seem to be buying more clothing items and staying at campground facilities more than in years past. Several construction projects are underway at Taos Ski Valley, including the rebuilding of a fire damaged lodge and construction of a waste water treatment plant.

*TUCUMCARI AREA* - The Childress and Associates duffle bag manufacturing plant in Tucumcari is scheduled to close on August 31st. The plant has been in operation for about one year and employs approximately 80 persons.

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(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 291.8

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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# OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY JULY 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED JUNE 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED JULY 1981 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| STATEWIDE | 596,380 | 536,391 | 59,989 | 10.1 | 589,406 | 529,666 | 59,740 | 10.1 | 580,720 | 539,488 | 41,232 | 7.1 |
| ALBUQUERQUE SMSA 2/ | 218,152 | 198,869 | 19,283 | 8.8 | 215,457 | 196,507 | 18,950 | 8.8 | 213,171 | 197,740 | 15,431 | 7.2 |
| DONA ANA 3/ | 37,102 | 32,951 | 4,151 | 11.2 | 37,109 | 32,909 | 4,200 | 11.3 | 34,517 | 31,663 | 2,854 | 8.3 |
| Catron | 1,094 | 932 | 162 | 14.8 | 1,028 | 890 | 138 | 13.4 | 1,052 | 985 | 67 | 6.4 |
| Chaves | 23,189 | 21,597 | 1,592 | 6.9 | 22,715 | 21,202 | 1,513 | 6.7 | 22,089 | 20,738 | 1,351 | 6.1 |
| Colfax | 7,554 | 6,806 | 748 | 9.9 | 7,383 | 6,811 | 572 | 7.7 | 7,446 | 7,097 | 349 | 4,7 |
| Curry | 15,054 | 14,197 | 857 | 5,7 | 14,606 | 13,694 | 912 | 6.2 | 14,658 | 13,840 | 818 | 5.6 |
| De Baca | 990 | 955 | 35 | 3.5 | 1,025 | 986 | 39 | 3.8 | 1,036 | 1,018 | 18 | 1.7 |
| Eddy | 24,443 | 22,327 | 2,116 | 8.7 | 23,755 | 21,619 | 2,136 | 9.0 | 23,488 | 22,480 | 1,008 | 4.3 |
| Grant | 12,358 | 7,561 | 4,797 | 38.8 | 12,864 | 7,751 | 5,113 | 39.7 | 11,384 | 10,722 | 662 | 5.8 |
| Guadalupe | 1,514 | 1,423 | 91 | 6.0 | 1,492 | 1,373 | 119 | 8.0 | 1,649 | 1,482 | 167 | 10.1 |
| Harding | 642 | 611 | 31 | 4.8 | 628 | 597 | 31 | 4.9 | 810 | 792 | 18 | 2.2 |
| Hidalgo | 2,628 | 2,315 | 313 | 11.9 | 2,584 | 2,294 | 290 | 11.2 | 2,583 | 2,467 | 116 | 4.5 |
| Lea | 35,454 | 33,671 | 1,783 | 5.0 | 34,342 | 32,855 | 1,487 | 4.3 | 32,819 | 31,724 | 1,095 | 3.3 |
| Lincoln | 8,321 | 8,106 | 215 | 2,6 | 7,967 | 7,743 | 224 | 2.8 | 7,693 | 7,504 | 189 | 2.5 |
| Los Alamos | 10,591 | 10,418 | 173 | 1.6 | 10,430 | 10,230 | 200 | 1.9 | 10,739 | 10,465 | 274 | 2.6 |
| Luna | 5,321 | 4,555 | 766 | 14.4 | 5,243 | 4,530 | 713 | 13.6 | 5,213 | 4,633 | 490 | 9.6 |
| McKinley | 19,101 | 16,380 | 2,721 | 14.2 | 19,126 | 16,413 | 2,713 | 14.2 | 19,273 | 17,270 | 2,003 | 10.4 |
| Mora | 1,192 | 803 | 389 | 32.6 | 1,170 | 769 | 401 | 34.3 | 1,049 | 769 | 280 | 26.7 |
| Otero | 14,404 | 13,207 | 1,197 | 8.3 | 14,168 | 12,957 | 1,211 | 8.5 | 13,851 | 12,889 | 962 | 6.9 |
| Quay | 5,329 | 4,878 | 451 | 8.5 | 5,391 | 4,955 | 436 | 8.1 | 5,183 | 4,935 | 248 | 4.8 |
| Rio Arriba | 11,235 | 9,036 | 2,199 | 19.6 | 11,129 | 8,786 | 2,343 | 21.1 | 10,704 | 8,981 | 1,723 | 16.1 |
| Roosevelt | 7,058 | 6,782 | 276 | 3.9 | 6,961 | 6,685 | 276 | 4.0 | 7,085 | 6,860 | 225 | 3.2 |
| San Juan | 39,688 | 34,973 | 4,715 | 11.9 | 39,771 | 34,956 | 4,815 | 12.1 | 39,784 | 36,512 | 3,272 | 8.2 |
| San Miguel | 8,248 | 7,206 | 1,042 | 12.6 | 8,139 | 7,088 | 1,051 | 12.9 | 7,902 | 7,156 | 746 | 9.4 |
| Santa Fe | 39,044 | 36,412 | 2,632 | 6.7 | 37,984 | 35,288 | 2,696 | 7.1 | 37,776 | 35,550 | 2,226 | 5.9 |
| Sierra | 2,700 | 2,460 | 240 | 8.9 | 2,777 | 2,674 | 103 | 3.7 | 3,239 | 3,078 | 161 | 5.0 |
| Socorro | 4,642 | 4,138 | 504 | 10.9 | 4,486 | 4,008 | 478 | 10.7 | 4,516 | 4,165 | 351 | 7.8 |
| Taos | 10,920 | 9,219 | 1,701 | 15.6 | 10,694 | 8,781 | 1,913 | 17.9 | 9,588 | 8,401 | 1,187 | 12.4 |
| Torrance | 2,408 | 2,281 | 127 | 5.3 | 2,358 | 2,228 | 130 | 5.5 | 2,389 | 2,345 | 44 | 1.8 |
| Union | 2,508 | 2,315 | 193 | 7.7 | 2,382 | 2,193 | 189 | 7.9 | 2,568 | 2,476 | 92 | 3.6 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 23,496 | 19,007 | 4,489 | 19.1 | 24,242 | 19,894 | 4,348 | 17.9 | 25,556 | 22,751 | 2,805 | 11.0 |

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.

3/ Dona Ana County.

4/ Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia Counties are not yet available

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# New Mexico Labor Market Review

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## HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's economy showed very little improvement during August according to preliminary labor force estimates. The total number of unemployed in the State rose by 800, pushing the unemployment rate up from a revised 10.0 percent in July to 10.1 percent in August. During the month the U. S. rate declined slightly from 9.8 percent to 9.6 percent.

Wage and salary employment increased by 2,800 jobs during August, and most of the gain was due to seasonal advances in trade, government and manufacturing. Trade added 1,000 jobs over the month, mostly in eating & drinking places, food stores and general merchandise stores. Government recorded 800 additional jobs, as state and local educational institutions began rehiring for the new school year. Manufacturing employment jumped by 500 jobs, with seasonal food processing accounting for 400 of the gain. The only major job category experiencing an actual monthly loss was the hard-hit mining industry. Both metal mining and oil & gas extraction lost 100 jobs, dropping the year ago employment comparison for the industry to -5,300 jobs. Construction posted a rather meager 100 gain, considerably less than usually expected for August. This has generally been the pattern followed by the industry this spring and summer, and consequently this August there were 1,700 fewer jobs in construction statewide than one year previous.

Total unemployment in New Mexico has increased by 21,600 over the last twelve months and only 4,000 of this occurred in the largest metropolitan area, Albuquerque. The largest balance of state unemployment increases, in descending order, have been in Grant, Cibola/Valencia, San Juan, Dona Ana, Eddy and McKinley counties. These six areas accounted for 70 percent of the total increase during the twelve month period in unemployment outside of the Albuquerque area. Reasons for these large unemployment increases generally were copper layoffs in Grant county, uranium layoffs in Cibola/Valencia and McKinley counties, a slowdown in oil & gas extraction and construction in San Juan county and in Dona Ana, layoffs in manufacturing, trade and construction. Much of the construction layoffs in Dona Ana County were the result of the curtailment of jobs in adjacent counties.

AUGUST SUMMARY 1/

|  | Prel | Revised |  | Change From |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Aug 1982 | July 1982 | Aug 1981 | July 1982 | Aug 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 602,100 | 596,400 | 578,500 | +5,700 | +23,600 |
| Employment | 541,500 | 536,600 | 539,500 | +4,900 | + 2,000 |
| Unemployment | 60,600 | 59,800 | 39,000 | + 800 | +21,600 |
| Rate | 10.1 | 10.0 | 6.7 |  |  |

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

# NEW MEXICO

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *AUG Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AUG 1982 | JUL 1982 | AUG 1981 | JUL 1982 | AUG 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 474,800 | 472,000 | 477,900 | +2,800 | -3,100 |
| MINING | 27,000 | 27,200 | 32,300 | - 200 | -5,300 |
| Metal Mining | 5,800 | 5,900 | 9,600 | - 100 | -3,800 |
| Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining | 5,100 | 5,100 | 5,700 | 0 | - 600 |
| Oil and Gas Extraction | 16,100 | 16,200 | 17,000 | - 100 | - 900 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 32,400 | 32,300 | 34,100 | + 100 | -1,700 |
| MANUFACTURING | 33,200 | 32,700 | 34,700 | + 500 | -1,500 |
| Durable Goods | 20,400 | 20,400 | 21,200 | 0 | - 800 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 2,000 | 2,100 | 2,800 | - 100 | - 800 |
| Elec. and Electronic Equipment | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,500 | + 100 | + 200 |
| Transportation Equipment | 3,800 | 3,700 | 3,700 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Other Durable Goods | 10,900 | 11,000 | 11,200 | - 100 | - 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 12,800 | 12,300 | 13,500 | + 500 | - 700 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 4,200 | 3,800 | 4,300 | + 400 | - 100 |
| Textiles and Apparel | 3,000 | 2,900 | 3,600 | + 100 | - 600 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 0 | 0 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 28,600 | 28,100 | 28,600 | + 500 | 0 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,900 | 0 | - 400 |
| Trucking and Warehousing | 5,700 | 5,600 | 5,700 | + 100 | 0 |
| Other Transportation | 3,100 | 3,000 | 3,000 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Communication | 7,400 | 7,300 | 7,300 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services | 9,900 | 9,700 | 9,700 | + 200 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 111,800 | 110,800 | 108,600 | +1,000 | +3,200 |
| Wholesale Trade | 23,400 | 23,400 | 23,000 | 0 | + 400 |
| Durable Goods | 14,200 | 14,200 | 13,900 | 0 | + 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,100 | 0 | + 100 |
| Retail Trade | 88,400 | 87,400 | 85,600 | +1,000 | +2,800 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 11,000 | 10,700 | 10,800 | + 300 | + 200 |
| Food Stores | 13,000 | 12,700 | 12,000 | + 300 | +1,000 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 11,700 | 11,600 | 12,000 | + 100 | - 300 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 31,300 | 30,900 | 29,400 | + 400 | +1,900 |
| Other Retail Trade | 21,400 | 21,500 | 21,400 | - 100 | 0 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 22,400 | 22,400 | 21,900 | 0 | + 500 |
| Banking | 7,800 | 7,800 | 7,500 | 0 | + 300 |
| Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 5,400 | 5,300 | 5,400 | + 100 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 9,200 | 9,300 | 9,000 | - 100 | + 200 |
| SERVICES | 98,800 | 98,700 | 96,900 | + 100 | +1,900 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 11,200 | 11,100 | 11,100 | + 100 | + 100 |
| Personal Services | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,500 | 0 | + 100 |
| Business Services | 20,400 | 20,400 | 20,200 | 0 | + 200 |
| Health Services | 24,100 | 23,600 | 22,600 | + 500 | +1,500 |
| Social Services | 6,800 | 6,900 | 8,700 | - 100 | -1,900 |
| Membership Organizations | 6,700 | 6,900 | 6,000 | - 200 | + 700 |
| Other Services | 25,000 | 25,200 | 23,800 | - 200 | +1,200 |
| GOVERNMENT | 120,600 | 119,800 | 120,800 | + 800 | - 200 |
| Federal | 29,500 | 29,800 | 30,400 | - 300 | - 900 |
| State 2/ | 39,700 | 39,100 | 41,300 | + 600 | -1,600 |
| Local | 51,400 | 50,900 | 49,100 | + 500 | +2,300 |

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*1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

*2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## HIGHLIGHTS

Although the Albuquerque area's unemployment rate is at a high level, the area's labor market continued to perform somewhat better than statewide, according to preliminary August estimates. Albuquerque's unemployment rate declined seasonally from 8.8 percent in July to 8.6 percent in August, in contrast to the Statewide rate which experienced an over-the-month increase from 10.0 to 10.1 percent. Over the last 12 months, the Albuquerque jobless rate has increased by 1.6 percentage points while statewide, the rate has jumped by 3.4 percentage points. One of the major reasons for this difference has been the substantial layoffs in the copper, uranium and oil & gas extraction sectors of mining - industries which Albuquerque does not have.

During August, wage and salary employment in the Albuquerque area increased by 1,400 jobs. All major industries saw job gains; however the largest increases occurred in government and trade. As expected this time of year, state educational institutions began rehiring for the fall semester, resulting in an increase in state government of 600 jobs. Offsetting this somewhat was a seasonal decline of 200 in federal government. Trade experienced a gain of 300 jobs, spread among general merchandise, eating & drinking places and the other retail trade sector. Transportation added 200 jobs as school bus contractors began hiring for the fall.

Looking at year ago employment comparisons, the only major industries recording growth continued to be trade and services. Industry sectors with significant additional jobs were eating and drinking places in trade, and health and lodging in services.

AUGUST SUMMARY 1/

| | *Prel* | *Revised* | | *Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Aug 1982 | July 1982 | Aug 1981 | July 1982 | Aug 1981 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 220,500 | 218,700 | 213,100 | +1,800 | +7,400 |
| Employment | 201,500 | 199,400 | 198,100 | +2,100 | +3,400 |
| Unemployment | 19,000 | 19,300 | 15,000 | - 300 | +4,000 |
| Rate | 8.6 | 8.8 | 7.0 | | |

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

# ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* | *Revised* | *Revised* | *AUG Change From* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AUG 1982 | JUL 1982 | AUG 1981 | JUL 1982 | AUG 1981 |
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/ | 190,600 | 189,200 | 190,000 | +1,400 | +6,000 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 12,300 | 12,100 | 12,500 | + 200 | - 200 |
| MANUFACTURING | 16,900 | 16,800 | 17,900 | + 100 | -1,000 |
| Durable Goods | 11,900 | 11,800 | 12,300 | + 100 | - 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,600 | 0 | - 600 |
| TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES | 11,500 | 11,300 | 11,800 | + 200 | - 300 |
| Transportation | 5,100 | 4,900 | 5,600 | + 200 | - 500 |
| Communication | 3,900 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,300 | 0 | + 200 |
| WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE | 49,600 | 49,300 | 48,500 | + 300 | +1,100 |
| Wholesale Trade | 14,100 | 14,100 | 13,500 | 0 | + 600 |
| Durable Goods | 9,400 | 9,400 | 9,000 | 0 | + 400 |
| Nondurable Goods | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,500 | 0 | + 200 |
| Retail Trade | 35,500 | 35,200 | 35,000 | + 300 | + 500 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 3,900 | 3,800 | 4,100 | + 100 | - 200 |
| Food Stores | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Auto Dlrs and Service Stations | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,300 | 0 | - 200 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 13,600 | 13,500 | 12,900 | + 100 | + 700 |
| Other Retail Trade | 9,900 | 9,800 | 9,700 | + 100 | + 200 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE | 11,100 | 11,000 | 11,100 | + 100 | 0 |
| Banking | 2,900 | 2,800 | 2,900 | + 100 | 0 |
| Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES and MINING | 47,900 | 47,800 | 46,000 | + 100 | +1,900 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 3,200 | 3,100 | 2,800 | + 100 | + 400 |
| Health Services | 11,400 | 11,300 | 10,800 | + 100 | + 600 |
| Social Services | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,600 | 0 | + 200 |
| Membership Organizations | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Services and Mining | 28,700 | 28,800 | 28,000 | - 100 | + 700 |
| GOVERNMENT | 41,300 | 40,900 | 42,200 | + 400 | - 900 |
| Federal | 12,500 | 12,700 | 13,000 | - 200 | - 500 |
| State | 10,600 | 10,000 | 11,300 | + 600 | - 700 |
| Local | 18,200 | 18,200 | 17,900 | 0 | + 300 |

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1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

## LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

## ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

*(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

| | *Prelim* AUG 1982 | *Revised* JUL 1982 | *Revised* AUG 1981 | *AUG Change From* JUL 1982 | AUG 1981 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT | 30,200 | 29,850 | 28,475 | +350 | +1,725 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,750 | 0 | 0 |
| MANUFACTURING | 2,900 | 2,600 | 2,750 | +300 | + 150 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 1,200 | 1,175 | 1,075 | + 25 | + 125 |
| Transportation | 550 | 525 | 425 | + 25 | + 125 |
| Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service | 650 | 650 | 650 | 0 | 0 |
| WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE | 5,825 | 5,800 | 5,550 | + 25 | + 275 |
| Wholesale Trade | 875 | 900 | 950 | - 25 | - 75 |
| Retail Trade | 4,950 | 4,900 | 4,600 | + 50 | + 350 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 750 | 750 | 775 | 0 | - 25 |
| Food Stores | 700 | 675 | 575 | + 25 | + 125 |
| Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations | 750 | 750 | 725 | 0 | + 25 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 1,750 | 1,725 | 1,575 | + 25 | + 175 |
| Other Retail Trade | 1,000 | 1,000 | 950 | 0 | + 50 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 0 | 0 |
| SERVICES & MINING | 4,050 | 3,950 | 3,975 | +100 | + 75 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 650 | 625 | 650 | + 25 | 0 |
| Business Services | 725 | 725 | 725 | 0 | 0 |
| Health Services | 725 | 725 | 700 | 0 | + 25 |
| Social Services | 350 | 350 | 375 | 0 | - 25 |
| Other Services & Mining | 1,600 | 1,525 | 1,525 | + 75 | + 75 |
| GOVERNMENT | 13,225 | 13,325 | 12,125 | -100 | +1,100 |
| Federal | 4,400 | 4,500 | 4,250 | -100 | + 150 |
| State | 4,250 | 4,325 | 4,200 | - 75 | + 50 |
| Local | 4,575 | 4,500 | 3,675 | + 75 | + 900 |

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

### HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | AUG 1982 | JUL 1982 | AUG 1981 | AUG 1982 | JUL 1982 | AUG 1981 | AUG 1982 | JUL 1982 | AUG 1981 |
| NEW MEXICO | | | | | | | | | |
| MINING | $483.57 | $507.21 | $447.34 | 40.5 | 43.5 | 43.6 | $11.94 | $11.66 | $10.26 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 394.69 | 392.52 | 371.94 | 37.2 | 37.1 | 36.5 | 10.61 | 10.58 | 10.19 |
| MANUFACTURING | 263.34 | 272.05 | 253.16 | 38.5 | 39.6 | 38.3 | 6.84 | 6.87 | 6.61 |
| Durable Goods | 286.08 | 293.38 | 272.84 | 38.4 | 39.7 | 38.7 | 7.45 | 7.39 | 7.05 |
| Nondurable Gds | 217.11 | 227.34 | 212.24 | 38.7 | 39.4 | 37.3 | 5.61 | 5.77 | 5.69 |
| COMM and UTIL | 375.31 | 389.67 | 367.16 | 39.8 | 41.9 | 42.3 | 9.43 | 9.30 | 8.68 |
| TRADE * | 245.16 | 251.75 | 237.54 | 36.7 | 37.8 | 36.1 | 6.68 | 6.66 | 6.58 |
| BANKING | 196.61 | 184.13 | 178.64 | 39.4 | 37.5 | 38.5 | 4.99 | 4.91 | 4.64 |
| ALBUQUERQUE | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $279.68 | $300.69 | $258.55 | 38.0 | 39.0 | 37.8 | $ 7.36 | $ 7.71 | $ 6.84 |

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

*Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

# STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Sears, Roebuck and Company plans to move its credit operations in Albuquerque to Phoenix and convert its local retail warehouse operations to a smaller distribution type facility. Approximately 115 Sears employees in Albuquerque are expected to be laid off by early November due to the changes. The State Health Systems Agency has given preliminary approval for three new psychiatric facilities in Albuquerque. Anna Kaseman Hospital, Vista Sandia Hospital and HCA Psychiatric all plan to locate health facilities, ranging from 27 to 80 beds in size, in the City. The State Health Planning and Development Bureau will make the final decision on how many facilities will be built. A $2 million renovation project is planned for the downtown buildings at Third and Central S.W. The buildings will be remodeled into 35,000 square feet of office space, with work scheduled to start December 1st of this year.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Work is continuing by Hemsel-Phelps Corporation on the $25 million High Energy Laser Test facility at White Sands Missile Range. The facility is expected to be in operation by next year and employ about 200 persons. Plans were recently submitted to the Ruidoso Planning Commission for development of 40 acres in Ruidoso Downs into a convention center, office and stable facilities. Developers Briscoe West and John Bachelor want to begin work on the center this winter and hope to have the facility open for horse racing season by next year.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Visitation to Carlsbad Caverns National Park is currently running two percent ahead of the same period in 1981. Bids are scheduled to be awarded soon on four projects costing an estimated $16.8 million for the proposed Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad. The largest of the projects will be construction of a 10 inch, 31 mile water line to the project site, estimated to cost about $10 million. Other projects will involve earth work and construction of two water tanks. GEO Source, an oil field service company, is planning to construct a $7.7 million facility in the Artesia Industrial Park. Approximately 45 persons will be employed by GEO Source in Artesia.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - Work has begun on a $1.25 million industrial complex at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility located south of Los Lunas. The new prison facility is expected to be completed by February 1983. Amigo Enterprises of Albuquerque plans to locate an adobe brick manufacturing operation on a 160 acre tract south of Belen. The company had outgrown its Albuquerque plant and the new operation should open this October. United Catalyst Incorporated is looking at the Belen area for location of a desiccant clay processing plant which would employ about 30 workers. Desiccant clay is used in electronic instruments to absorb moisture.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Midwest Fuel Systems Incorporated has requested $3 million in industrial revenue bonds to finance construction of two fuel alcohol production plants east of Clovis. According to recently released figures, Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis employed 4,562 military and civilian personnel during fiscal year 1981, with a total payroll of about $62 million. Springer Construction Company of Albuquerque has started work on a $1.3 million expansion project at the Clovis campus of Eastern New Mexico University.

ESPANOLA AREA - Duke City Lumber Company has closed its Espanola lumber mill and laid off 55 workers. The closure was due to the State Environmental Improvement Board ordering the company to comply with air quality standards. Duke City Lumber is appealing the ruling; however another 65 subcontracting employees involved in lumbering could also be laid off if the lumber mill is closed for any length of time. Work is expected to get underway by this February on the $12.2 million expansion of Espanola Hospital.

*GALLUP/GRANTS AREA* - Conoco Incorporated has announced plans to phase out its uranium mining and milling operation near Crownpoint. Approximately 300 area Conoco workers are expected to be laid off because of the phase out. Seay Constuction Company of Albuquerque was awarded the earth work contract for the new $20 million state prison to be located near Grants. The earth work phase of the project is expected to be completed by mid-December, at which time the concrete work phase will start. The facility is slated for completion in mid-1984. Santa Fe Coal Corporation has announced the start of the company's long awaited Lee Ranch Coal Mine project located north of Grants. Access road work to the coal reserves is expected to be completed late this year, at which time the open pit mining operation will begin. The mine is expected to employ approximately 400 workers when in full production.

*HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA* - Lea Regional Hospital has filed for a state Certificate of Need to build a 70 bed addition to its main facility in Hobbs. The State recently approved a Certificate of Need for a $462,000 surgical center at Norte Vista Medical Center in Hobbs. Hamilton Construction Company of Silver City has begun work on the $1.6 million resurfacing project on the Hobbs-Lovington highway. A 60 room Super 8 Motel is under construction in Hobbs and should be open for business by the end of the year. A new $1 million private club, the Petroleum Club, is being planned for Hobbs. The facility would employ approximately 100 persons and have a dining capacity of 250.

*LAS CRUCES AREA* - Residential building permits issued in July by the city of Las Cruces totaled 25, the highest mark in two years. Construction is expected to begin soon on the 43,000 square foot plant for Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell. Production should begin in the new facility by next spring at which time approximately 150 persons will be employed by Micro Switch. The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society has received approval for $7.2 million in industrial revenue bonds to construct a 166 unit retirement apartment complex in Las Cruces. The retirement complex is expected to cost a total of $12 million to build and employ about 70 persons. The U. S. Transportation Department is expected to provide $1.2 million for a new reliever airport in southern Dona Ana county in the Santa Teresa area. The new airport would help alleviate air traffic congestion at El Paso International Airport.

*LAS VEGAS AREA* - Renovation work is almost complete at the Montezuma Castle, now known as the Armand Hammer United World College. Classes at the two year academic school began in September with approximately 100 students attending and 12 facility members providing instruction. Two new Allsups convience stores have opened in the area - two in Las Vegas and one in Mora.

*LOS ALAMOS AREA* - T. Brown Construction Company was awarded a $925,000 contract for highway repair on State Road 30 from Espanola to Los Alamos.

*RATON AREA* - Kaiser Steel Corporation has laid off 110 workers or 20 percent of the workforce at their York Canyon Coal Mine near Raton. The layoff, which was effective September 7th, was necessary because of the recent closure of one of York Canyon's major coal buyers, Lone Star Steel near Ft. Worth, Texas.

*ROSWELL AREA* - Work has begun on the 12 story, $12.5 million First National Tower building in Roswell. Marecon Constructors Incorporated of Houston is the general contractor for the project which is expected to take 12 to 15 months to complete.

*SANTA FE AREA* - A 12 acre housing development is being proposed for an area south of Santa Fe near the La Cienega interchange. The project, called Posadas de Cienega, would contain a 44 room motel, 40 condominiums, a restaurant, a gas station and a convenience store. The project is under consideration by the Santa Fe Development Review Committee. Work is underway on two large projects in Santa Fe. A 56 unit condominium project, Los Miradores, is being built on a 16 acre site adjacent to St. Johns College and a 50,000 square foot shopping center is being constructed at the intersection of Zia and Rodeo Road. The new Skaggs Alpha Beta food and drug store on Cerrillos Road is scheduled to open on October 24th with approximately 180 employees.

*SILVER CITY AREA* - The new 32,000 square foot Albertsons grocery store in Silver City opened its doors to area residents September 1st. Approximately 75 persons have been employed at the new store. Recent figures released by the area's three copper mining firms indicate a significant reduction in employment even when the mines are put back into production. Kennecott Corporation plans to cut its previous 1,600 workforce to about 1,200 when the Chino Mines Division is back in production. Phelps Dodge's projections show approximately 100 fewer workers than the mine's 700 copper workers before the shutdown. Sharon Steel is planning permanent cuts of about 75 to its 585 workforce previous to the shutdown. All mining officials emphasized that as of yet no decision has been made to start production again.

*TAOS AREA* - Molycorp ended open pit mining at its Questa molybdenum mine in early September and is not preparing to open its new $250 million underground operation in July of next year. Molycorp is using its miners to complete construction of the new operation, allowing the company to avoid layoffs. Molycorp now employs about 800 workers and their workforce should increase to about 1,000 when the underground mine is operating at full capacity. Rio Costilla Livestock Association is planning to open its new ski recreation area near Amalia in December of this year, providing Mother Nature cooperates. The new area is expected to attract approximately 1,000 skiers per day according to Association officials.

*TUCUMCARI AREA* - Evetts Construction Company has begun work on a $174,000 office building in Tucumcari. KNC Incorporated of Albuquerque was the apparent low bidder of $8.5 million for raising the height of Ute Dam; however the Interstate Streams Commission is not expected to award the contract until October.

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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

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## OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

| | PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED JULY 1982 1/ | | | | REVISED AUGUST 1981 1/ | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate | Labor Force | Empl. | Unemp. | Rate |
| *STATEWIDE* | 602,103 | 541,521 | 60,582 | 10.1 | 596,484 | 536,640 | 59,844 | 10.0 | 578,549 | 539,510 | 39,039 | 6.7 |
| *ALBUQUERQUE SMSA* 2/ | 220,510 | 201,485 | 19,025 | 8.6 | 218,718 | 199,436 | 19,282 | 8.8 | 213,095 | 198,080 | 15,015 | 7.0 |
| *LAS CRUCES SMSA* 3/ | 37,937 | 33,756 | 4,181 | 11.0 | 37,353 | 33,203 | 4,150 | 11.1 | 34,183 | 31,702 | 2,481 | 7.3 |
| Catron | 991 | 830 | 161 | 16.2 | 1,034 | 867 | 167 | 16.2 | 932 | 868 | 64 | 6.9 |
| Chaves | 23,352 | 21,572 | 1,780 | 7.6 | 23,020 | 21,436 | 1,584 | 6.9 | 21,819 | 20,575 | 1,244 | 5.7 |
| Colfax | 7,611 | 7,098 | 513 | 6.7 | 7,547 | 6,808 | 739 | 9.8 | 7,267 | 6,969 | 298 | 4.1 |
| Curry | 15,019 | 14,134 | 885 | 5.9 | 14,896 | 14,051 | 845 | 5.7 | 14,475 | 13,668 | 807 | 5.6 |
| De Baca | 988 | 965 | 23 | 2.3 | 989 | 955 | 34 | 3.4 | 1,022 | 1,006 | 16 | 1.6 |
| Eddy | 24,920 | 22,597 | 2,323 | 9.3 | 24,443 | 22,332 | 2,111 | 8.6 | 23,381 | 22,448 | 933 | 4.0 |
| Grant | 11,984 | 7,435 | 4,549 | 38.0 | 12,075 | 7,308 | 4,767 | 39.5 | 11,268 | 10,543 | 725 | 6.4 |
| Guadalupe | 1,519 | 1,426 | 93 | 6.1 | 1,513 | 1,423 | 90 | 5.9 | 1,625 | 1,485 | 140 | 8.6 |
| Harding | 639 | 616 | 23 | 3.6 | 642 | 611 | 31 | 4.8 | 758 | 746 | 12 | 1.6 |
| Hidalgo | 2,678 | 2,321 | 357 | 13.3 | 2,629 | 2,316 | 313 | 11.9 | 2,381 | 2,310 | 71 | 3.0 |
| Lea | 35,599 | 33,956 | 1,643 | 4.6 | 35,440 | 33,678 | 1,762 | 5.0 | 32,776 | 31,781 | 995 | 3.0 |
| Lincoln | 8,299 | 8,105 | 194 | 2.3 | 8,320 | 8,108 | 212 | 2.5 | 7,620 | 7,473 | 147 | 1.9 |
| Los Alamos | 10,664 | 10,495 | 169 | 1.6 | 10,592 | 10,421 | 171 | 1.6 | 10,630 | 10,386 | 244 | 2.3 |
| Luna | 5,436 | 4,697 | 739 | 13.6 | 5,326 | 4,556 | 770 | 14.5 | 5,520 | 5,057 | 463 | 8.4 |
| McKinley | 18,818 | 16,028 | 2,790 | 14.8 | 19,090 | 16,384 | 2,706 | 14.2 | 19,309 | 17,426 | 1,883 | 9.8 |
| Mora | 1,130 | 792 | 338 | 29.9 | 1,188 | 803 | 385 | 32.4 | 1,031 | 739 | 292 | 28.3 |
| Otero | 14,595 | 13,370 | 1,225 | 8.4 | 14,399 | 13,209 | 1,190 | 8.3 | 13,787 | 12,854 | 933 | 6.8 |
| Quay | 5,357 | 4,901 | 456 | 8.5 | 5,330 | 4,879 | 451 | 8.5 | 5,122 | 4,908 | 214 | 4.2 |
| Rio Arriba | 10,987 | 8,816 | 2,171 | 19.8 | 11,242 | 9,038 | 2,204 | 19.6 | 10,397 | 8,794 | 1,603 | 15.4 |
| Roosevelt | 7,139 | 6,865 | 274 | 3.8 | 7,056 | 6,783 | 273 | 3.9 | 6,790 | 6,605 | 185 | 2.7 |
| San Juan | 40,511 | 35,297 | 5,214 | 12.9 | 39,689 | 34,980 | 4,709 | 11.9 | 40,257 | 37,088 | 3,169 | 7.9 |
| San Miguel | 8,638 | 7,527 | 1,111 | 12.9 | 8,244 | 7,208 | 1,036 | 12.6 | 7,875 | 7,089 | 786 | 10.0 |
| Santa Fe | 39,074 | 36,468 | 2,606 | 6.7 | 39,035 | 36,419 | 2,616 | 6.7 | 38,077 | 36,047 | 2,030 | 5.3 |
| Sierra | 2,678 | 2,448 | 230 | 8.6 | 2,703 | 2,460 | 243 | 9.0 | 3,253 | 3,106 | 147 | 4.5 |
| Socorro | 4,694 | 4,196 | 498 | 10.6 | 4,637 | 4,139 | 498 | 10.7 | 4,465 | 4,101 | 364 | 8.2 |
| Taos | 10,961 | 9,265 | 1,696 | 15.5 | 10,922 | 9,221 | 1,701 | 15.6 | 9,520 | 8,388 | 1,132 | 11.9 |
| Torrance | 2,404 | 2,282 | 122 | 5.1 | 2,407 | 2,281 | 126 | 5.2 | 2,366 | 2,294 | 72 | 3.0 |
| Union | 2,459 | 2,284 | 175 | 7.1 | 2,517 | 2,316 | 201 | 8.0 | 2,501 | 2,432 | 69 | 2.8 |
| Valencia, Cibola 4/ | 24,512 | 19,494 | 5,018 | 20.5 | 23,488 | 19,011 | 4,477 | 19.1 | 25,047 | 22,542 | 2,505 | 10.0 |

1/ *All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

2/ *Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.*

3/ *Dona Ana County.*

4/ *Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.*